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World

HIV drug problem: India's Hetero Drugs is withdrawing six of its generic versions of antiretroviral drugs from the World Health Organization's list of approved HIV medicines, saying it is not certain they are biologically the same as the patented drugs.

Hetero decided to withdraw the drugs — the only prequalified retrovirals it makes — after a WHO inspection, the agency said Friday.

The company has told WHO that the laboratories it was using to conduct the bioequivalence tests, which should prove that their drugs are the same as the patented medicines, "were not compatible with the current standards" and that there were "deficiencies in the data submitted," the agency said.

Sharon open to peace talks: Israel signaled flexibility and openness toward the emerging new Palestinian leadership Friday, with a top adviser to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon saying peace talks could resume if the Palestinians showed some good will.

The adviser, Raanan Gissin, spoke a day after Sharon indicated he is dropping a key demand for resuming peace talks — a Palestinian crackdown on militant groups. Sharon said that while he still wants the armed groups dismantled at some point, he now considers Palestinian efforts to stop incitement against Israel a sufficient first step.

"Israel is ready to move forward," Gissin said. "The first business is stop the industry of hatred. ... It doesn't require troops. Then, gradually, we can move toward security coordination."

Palestinians have refused to confront the militants, saying they fear civil war.

Accused Danish lawmaker: A former Copenhagen lawmaker suspected of sexually abusing a teenager said in interviews published Friday that he was not ashamed of his actions, claiming the 13-year-old boy told him he was old enough to have sexual relations.

Flemming Oppfeldt, who was released from custody Thursday after a month in jail, told the Ekstra Bladet and B.T. daily tabloids that he was "sorry that an underage [boy] has been involved in this."

Oppfeldt claimed the teenager he is suspected of sexually abusing told him he was 15 — the legal age of consent in Denmark.

But prosecutors, and the boy's family, contend the unidentified boy was just 13.

Belgian's threats: A Belgian convert to Islam has confessed to sending death threats to a senator for criticizing fundamentalist Muslims, officials said Friday.

The prosecutor's office said there were no indications the 38-year-old suspect, who was arrested earlier Friday, had been in contact with extremist groups before making his threats.

Senator Mimount Bousakla, 32, whose parents emigrated to Belgium from Morocco, went into hiding early this week after contacting police about receiving a threatening telephone call. She has criticized forced marriages, the place of Muslim women in society and the role of men within the family.

Chechen school bombing: Authorities have detained two residents of the southern province of Ingushetia on suspicion of being linked to terrorists who held more than 1,000 people hostage in a school in September officials said Thursday.

Chechen warlord Shamil Basayev has claimed responsibility for the school seizure, which ended in gunfire and explosions, killing more than 330 hostages.

Nikolai Shepel, Russia's deputy prosecutor general and head of the investigation



Disney labor dispute: Walt Disney World worker Nayebe Pizani drops her ballot in the ballot box in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., on Thursday. Members of Walt Disney World's largest union, representing 40 percent of the resort's 51,000-person work force, approved a three-year contract proposal as the current contract was set to expire.

into the Sept. 1-3 school seizure in Beslan in North Ossetia, said a 16-year-old resident of neighboring Ingushetia has been detained on charges of possible links to the terrorists.

Shepel wouldn't elaborate, but the daily *Gazeta* identified the suspect as Marina Korigova, a college student, and said she has been in custody for two weeks.

War on terrorism

Military review tribunal: An alleged member of a group with purported ties to the al-Qaida terror network was among four prisoners who appeared Thursday before U.S. military review tribunals in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The 31-year-old man was accused of receiving weapons training in Afghanistan in 2001, said Navy Lt. Gary Ross, a spokesman for the Combatant Status Review Tribunals.

The man allegedly belonged to a Uighur group linked to al-Qaida and the East Turkestan Islamic Movement, another organization the United States says supports terrorism.

Nation

Bonfire tragedy: Before it was set to be dedicated with speeches and formality, the memorial built to honor the victims of Texas A&M University's deadly bonfire collapse was the site of a more intimate and silent ceremony.

Hundreds gathered at 2:42 a.m. Thursday — the exact time of the collapse — on the grassy field where 12 Aggies were killed and 27 others were injured five years ago.

Sex toy lawsuit: Renee Koutsouradis was on a Delta Air Lines jet awaiting takeoff from Dallas when her name was called over the loudspeaker and she was pulled from the plane.

Something was buzzing in her luggage. When taken to the taxiway, she told a Delta security agent that the buzzing was likely coming from a sex toy she and her husband had just bought during their trip to Las Vegas.

Koutsouradis, 38, says she was then ordered to remove the toy, hold it up and remove its batteries in full view of some other

passengers on her flight. She claims a baggage handler then licked his lips and made sexually inappropriate comments as other Delta employees laughed.

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments Friday in Jacksonville, Fla., in the lawsuit Koutsouradis filed against Delta over the February 2002 incident.

Bay of Pigs lawsuit: A woman who sued the Cuban government over the death of her father during the Bay of Pigs invasion was awarded \$86.5 million on Thursday by a Miami-Dade circuit court judge.

Thomas Willard "Pete" Ray, an Alabama Air National Guard pilot on a mission for the CIA, was executed in Cuba in April 1961. His body was kept in a Havana morgue for 18 years before the Cuban government sent it home.

Ray's daughter, Janet Ray Weininger, filed her wrongful death suit against Cuba by using a federal law that allows victims of terrorism to collect damages from states that sponsor it.

GOP backs Specter: Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday unanimously endorsed Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., as the committee's new chairman, overriding complaints from conservative activists that he might try to block anti-abortion nominees to the Supreme Court.

Specter got his colleagues' blessing after he drafted a statement pledging prompt hearings and votes on President Bush's judicial nominees.

WWII vet charged: Police are recommending a criminal charge against a World War II veteran who allegedly backed a van over his friend and killed him during a Veterans Day parade.

William Hammond, captain of the parade's color guard, was preparing to march with fellow veterans Nov. 11 when he was struck by a van driven by Joseph Davis, 80, Hammond, also 80 and a World War II veteran, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police are seeking a charge of motor vehicle homicide by neglect, which carries a maximum sentence of 2½ years in jail.

Stories and photo from The Associated Press

Do to return housing, keep commissaries

BY TERRY BOYD

Stars and Stripes

BAUMHOLDER, Germany — As the American military presence in Germany changes, some U.S. housing units are returning to the host country sooner rather than later, while several operations have gotten reprieves in the latest round of facility closings.

In this round of an ongoing, 13-year assessment of American military bases across Europe, the Department of Defense is turning over all or parts of several housing areas including:

- 60 apartments in three large housing units for 1st Armored Division families in the Birkenfeld Family Housing Area, about 10 miles west of Baumholder in southwestern Germany. The Army will keep one apartment building with 18 apartments, but 16 units of bachelor officers living quarters also will be returned, said Millie Waters, a spokeswoman at U.S. Army Europe Headquarters in Heidelberg.

- 202 units at the 1st Infantry Division's Daley Village Family Housing Area at Bad Kissingen near Schweinfurt in south-central Germany. About 140 of those units are occupied, but will not be reassigned as current occupants leave, Waters said. Kissingen Elementary School at Daley Village will remain open, she added.

Several operations previously scheduled to be handed back to Germans will remain open including:

- The depot at Gernersheim, near Speyer. Gernersheim, once slated for partial return, is now needed to support operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, Waters said.

- Commissaries at Strassburg and Neubrück commissary areas.

The Gernersheim depot, which employs 200 people including 100 Germans, is close to the Rhine River, the autobahn and rail facilities, Waters said.



TERRY BOYD/Stars and Stripes

One of three housing units in the Baumholder property being returned to Germany sits vacant near the center of Birkenfeld. Birkenfeld officials say the apartments have been vacant for two years and that they were not told of any change in status.

Gernersheim's major operation is as a Defense Logistics Agency distribution hub for various military supplies from construction materials to medical supplies.

Gernersheim is also one of three central distribution centers supplying commissaries in Europe, as well as a distribution hub for dry goods for Europe and the Middle East, according to Gerri Young, public affairs officer for Defense Commissary Agency-Europe.

The small Strassburg and Neubrück commissaries, which serve housing areas near H.D. Smith Barracks in

Baumholder, were on the DOD's Personnel and Readiness Office list of 10 commissaries to close in Germany, Japan and South Korea. However, last May, Charles Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, ordered that the commissaries remain open.

The original order to close "was a surprise to us," Young said. DeCA officials "never had them on a list to close," she said. "We still don't."

The only commissary in Europe slated to close is at Rhein-Main Air Base, which itself is scheduled to be handed over to the Germans by December 2005.

As long as there are still customers, "it's our policy to be the last to leave," Young said.

Why the DOD announcement has come at this time is unclear.

The announced housing handover is being coordinated with German officials, according to DOD and USAEUR news releases. However, German officials at Birkenfeld's city hall told Stars and Stripes that the Army housing — in three separate apartment blocks — sat empty for two years. In a news release announcing the return of German housing units, USAEUR and DOD officials stated the return is taking place under the 33rd round of closing unneeded U.S. bases in Europe. During the 25th round of base closings, for example, DOD closed Bad Kreuznach, the former headquarters of the 1st Armored Division, in 1999.

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Baumholder's long-term fate still undecided

BAUMHOLDER, Germany — Department of Defense officials announced this week the return of properties across Germany to the German government, part of a decade-long effort to trim America's post-Cold War military posture here.

Those including housing units at Baumholder, a 1st Armored Division base in southwest Germany.

But the long-term fate of Baumholder — the largest combat arms base outside the United States — apparently remains undecided under the Bush administration's separate plans to restructure U.S. forces worldwide.

As part of that effort, administration and U.S. European Command officials confirmed earlier this year that they intend to repatriate the two German-based Army divisions, the

1st AD and the Würzburg-based 1st Infantry Division.

In August, Rheinland-Pfalz officials told Stars and Stripes that DOD officials were considering Baumholder — which includes 10,000 acres of training areas — for a U.S. Special Operations Command force to replace the 1st AD's 2nd Brigade and Division Artillery here now.

A light special ops force would benefit from the training ground and from Baumholder's proximity to nearby Ramstein Air Base, about 30 miles to the south, the officials said.

However, DOD officials, who asked not to be quoted by name, told Stars and Stripes that a proposed increased SOCOM presence in Europe never included Baumholder. Department of Army officials said DOD officials have not passed down any decisions regarding Baumholder.

"Until there's a BRAC list, there's nothing new [concerning] Baumholder," one DA official said.

The Pentagon is scheduled to recommend a round of domestic base closings under the Base Realignment and Closure initiative in May 2005, recommendations that must be approved by Congress.

At the same time, under the Global Posture Review, the Bush administration is crafting an overall plan to close or realign 35 percent of foreign installations, and bring home nearly 180,000 military personnel, DOD employees and contractors and their families, according to a statement sent to Stars and Stripes from the office of Raymond F. DuBois, outgoing deputy undersecretary of defense for installations and environment.

— Terry Boyd

12 Army units in Europe to case colors starting in June '05

BY JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

HEIDELBERG, Germany — The Army announced Friday it will shut down a dozen units spread among seven installations throughout Germany, affecting about 1,000 troops.

The announcement comes as the Army is preparing for a massive withdrawal of forces from Europe that is expected to cut some 40,000 soldiers from the 63,000-strong force here in the coming years, while shuttering dozens of bases.

Officials, however, are separating the two efforts.

"This has nothing to do with ongoing global posture review," said Lt. Col. Jane Crichton, a spokeswoman for U.S. Army Europe. Instead, she said, the units are being inactivated as part of several internal Army reorganization efforts.

"It would be a mistake to conclude that if

a unit is leaving that its base is closing," said Crichton, who then added "we are doing prudent planning" to prepare for those closings.

The unit inactivations will begin in June, even as several of the units are still fighting in Iraq.

The units that will case their colors next year and their inactivation dates are:

- Troops D, E and F, 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, on June 15.

- Troops D, E, F, 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Bâdingen, June 15.

- Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 41st Field Artillery Brigade, V Corps Artillery, Babenhausen, July 15.

- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Brigade, V Corps, Bieleheim, Aug. 15.

- 503rd Chemical Detachment, V Corps, Heidelberg, June 15.

- 69th Chemical Detachment, 1st AD, Hanau, June 15.

- 55th Personnel Support Detachment C, 1st Infantry Command, Friedberg, June 15.

- 4th battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Kitzingen, Sept. 15.

Troops in units currently deployed, notably 1-4 Cav and 4-3 ADA, will be given plenty of time for postcombat reintegration before relocating, promise officials.

"We've looked at their redeployment time lines so that they can do a responsible transition," said Lt. Col. Brian McNerney, a spokesman for V Corps, which oversees all of the affected units. "No one is going to come off a ship or plane and be told to grab a duffle and go."

While the units will disappear from the Army's rolls in Europe, most of the soldiers will not. In fact, Army officials say the total

number of troops in Europe will remain steady.

"Specifics on which soldiers will be reclassified, remain assigned to the division and corps or reassigned elsewhere will be figured out over the coming months," McNerney said.

"Any moves that do need to take place will largely be done over the summer, say officials."

The unit closings will likely mean the loss of some civilian jobs.

"A small number of U.S. and local national employees may be affected by this action, and supporting garrison functions may be re-evaluated," according to an Army statement.

"Appropriate notification regarding personnel decisions will be made to the applicable works councils and employees in accordance with legal and regulatory requirements."

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JPAC leads effort to locate missing in war

HONOLULU — James Coyle, intelligence research director for the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command at Hickam Air Force Base here, has spent much of his professional life investigating the whereabouts of hundreds of Americans lost in service to nation.

His commitment to that quest has not flagged in 18 years, he said. "I do it for the memory of the people who gave their lives in service to their country. Those people deserve to have what happened to them found out and reported."

"I don't really do it for the families," he said. "I do it for the memory of the people who gave their lives in service to their country. Those people deserve to have what happened to them found out and reported."

As a historian, linguist and intelligence analyst, Coyle has been dozens of trips, conducted hundreds of interviews, and sifted through mountains of documents to find lost U.S. servicemen. Besides given his immersion in the human cost of war, he has strong personal views on topics like the Iraq war.

"We're in Iraq because we

failed to learn from Vietnam," Coyle said, adding, "You don't bring democracy with bayonets."

JPAC leads a \$100-million-a-year effort to gain the fullest possible accounting of Americans missing from past wars. Half of that is spent by JPAC directly, with 75 cents on every budget dollar going to investigative and recovery missions.

In the last year, JPAC teams visited Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, North and South Korea, Burma, Tibet, New Guinea, Palau, Albania, France and Washington state. The investigative teams seek leads and information. When enough evidence is found, recovery teams return to excavate sites where remains of U.S. servicemen might be found.

The 440-person JPAC was formed in October 2003, by combining the world's most sophisticated forensic facility, the Army's Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii (CILHI), and Joint Task Force Full Accounting. JTFFA got its start in 1992, a better-funded version of the Joint Casualty Resolution Center (JCRC) begun after the Vietnam War.

MILITARY UPDATE

Tom Philpott

CILHI, since its founding 30 years ago, has had a global mandate to identify U.S. remains from all past wars. But most remains came from Southeast Asia because the JCRC mandate was to find the missing from Vietnam. By 1992, pressure from the families of lost Vietnam veterans helped to shape support for a full accounting of missing from all past wars. Creation of JPAC, Coyle said, reinforced that national priority.

"This probably is never going to end, certainly not in my lifetime," he said, of the searches to find remains. Numbers tell the tale.

Though 1,849 remains are missing from the Vietnam war, that number is small compared to 78,000 never recovered after World War II and 8,100 lost in

Korea. Another 120 U.S. servicemen disappeared during the Cold War and one pilot in the first Gulf War.

Coyle, an Army foreign-language officer in Vietnam (1969-70), said America committed to recovering remains after that war in part because of scientific advances in identifying remains and in part because America lost the war, a fact that a lot of veterans from his generation refuse to accept.

"After World War II we had control of the battlefield. We had the Graves Registration Service," Coyle said. Yet by 1955, with almost 80,000 Americans still missing, the organized search for casualties ended.

"The thinking was, Coyle said, "people in war sometimes went missing." But with Vietnam, expectations changed.

"We didn't have control of the battlefield" when the fighting stopped, Coyle said. So the view of many Americans was, "Damn it all, they owe us an explanation!"

Fueled that anger, he said, was "widespread belief that Ameri-

cans were left behind during the war."

Coyle believed it himself. He saw the chaos of the war's end first-hand. Having married Ngoc-Anh, a Vietnamese, Coyle returned to get her out days before South Vietnam fell to the communists in April 1975.

Today he feels most of the missing from Vietnam probably won't be found. The soil there is highly acidic, which accelerates decomposition of bone. Porcupines eat teeth for calcium to replace quills.

"The real problem facing us ... is time," Coyle said. "Time is reducing the number of eyewitnesses [and] destroying little by little, the physical evidence, including aircraft wreckage, uniform pieces [and] remains."

Through extraordinary efforts, remains are being found, both from Vietnam and earlier wars. That makes the effort worthwhile, he said.

"As long as people want us to keep looking," Coyle said, "we'll keep looking."

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AFN network changes

The American Forces Network will be making additions, shifting schedules and providing more live coverage on its television channels beginning Dec. 5.

The AFN News channel will be affected most by the changes. AFN will add some of the top programs from the FOX News Channel and live broadcasts of "Studio B with Shepard Smith" and "Your World with Neil Cavuto." The Cavuto program will replace the seasonal CNN "Inside Politics."

According to a statement by the Defense Media Center at March Air Reserve Base, Calif., there will be a better balance of the amount of FOX News available to the European and Asian prime-time audiences.

In Japan and South Korea, the live "FOX & Friends" broadcast will be moving ABC's "Good Morning America" to the AFN News channel to the AFN Prime Pacific channel. "Good Morning America" will replace the tape-delayed NBC "Today Show."

In Europe, "CNN Live Today" will replace CBS' "The Early Show" and CNN's live "American Morning" show will be added. The channel's news program "Channel One" will move to the AFN Family channel.

Weekends everywhere will see more live news broadcasts, as well as more business shows, according to the Defense Media Center.

For complete schedules go to myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil

From staff reports

Enjoying Christmas cheer at Griesheim bazaar



RAYMOND T. CONWAY/Stars and Stripes

Laura and Ashton Gomez look over some of the many Christmas decorations on display at a Christmas market at the Griesheim Casern in Griesheim, Germany, on Friday.

Army police holding robbery suspect

BY JON R. ANDERSON

Stars and Stripes

MANNHEIM, Germany — Army police are holding a 21-year-old soldier suspected of a brazen daylight bank robbery at a military base in southwest Germany, according to military officials.

Sgt. Daniel A. Sampe, a helicopter mechanic with the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Aviation Regiment in Mannheim, was charged with robbing the local Community Bank Coleman Barracks, said Army spokesman Maj. Mark Wright.

A lone, masked gunman brandishing a pistol, blitzed the bank wearing an Army physical training uniform at 10 a.m. on Sept. 29, shortly after the bank opened. Army officials refuse to release the amount of money stolen, but the robber was able to slip away unnoticed.

Officials are also being tightlipped on how they are connecting the case to Sampe, but investigators had offered a reward for information on the robbery.

"The reward hasn't been finalized yet," said Wright. "We're not sure if anyone will get it at this point."

Coleman Barracks is the home of Sampe's unit, as well as the 18th Military Police Brigade and the Army's main jail in Europe, where Sampe is now being held in pretrial confinement.

Sampe will appear before the Army's version of a grand jury hearing in the coming weeks, where officials will recommend how to prosecute the soldier.

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Free movies for troops

U.S. Air Forces in Europe and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service are combining this holiday season to present a series of free movies at base theaters in Europe.

The new service, called the Merry Movie Magic program, has been created to provide extra support for the command's single and unaccompanied airmen over the holiday season, according to an AAFES release.

As part of USAFE's Project CHEER — Creating Hope, Energy, Enthusiasm and Recreation — those attending the movies will also receive free popcorn and a soda.

The free screenings, which are open to airmen, their families and Air Force civilians, will be shown on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Movies will be shown at RAF Alconbury, RAF Mildenhall and RAF Lakenheath in England; Kaiserslautern, Ramstein Air Base, Sembach Air Base, Rhein-Main Air Base and Spangdahm Air Base in Germany; Aviano Air Base, Italy; and Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

Servicemembers in the Kaiserslautern Military Community should pick up tickets at their local community center. All others can just show their Department of Defense ID at the box office.

Those interested in attending the free showings should call their local theater for the name of the film and show times.

From staff reports

U.S. troops injured during war fall ill to rare blood infection

BY LISA BURGESS
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ARLINGTON, Va. — Servicemen injured in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan are coming down with a rare blood infection that is proving very resistant to antibiotics, according to a new report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The report, which was released this week, said that 102 patients at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, and Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington and three other military health care sites were diagnosed with the infection between Jan. 1, 2002, and Aug. 31, 2004.

Of those infections, 83 percent cropped up in servicemen who had been wounded while serving in the Iraq and Kuwait region during Operation Iraqi Freedom and in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom, the report said.

Military researchers are concerned because such a large number of these cases is unusual, Navy Capt. Joe Malone, director of the Defense Department's Global Emerging Infections section at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Silver Spring, Md., told Stars and Stripes in a Thursday telephone interview.

The infection, *Acinetobacter baumannii*, is well known to doctors and has shown up in pa-

tients hospitalized all over the globe, but it is not especially common, Malone said.

In fact, the organism causes just 1.3 percent of infections reported by hospitals, according to the report.

A. baumannii, as researchers call the bacteria, has two qualities that make it difficult to control its effects.

The first is that the bacteria can live for weeks at a time on hard surfaces such as tables or doorknobs, Malone said.

The second issue is that the organism is resistant to standard antibiotics, making "treatment of infections attributed to A. baumannii ... increasingly difficult," the report said.

The report noted, "The importance of infection control during treatment in combat and health-care settings and the need to develop new antimicrobial drugs to treat these infections."

Officials would not comment on symptoms, how they are identified or the severity of the cases.

Now that the cluster of cases has been identified, the next step is for researchers to determine why so many deployed servicemen are coming down with the infection, Malone said.

"We're working very hard to investigate why" these members were infected, Malone said.

Military researchers aren't beginning from

scratch in their hunt for the source of the problem, however.

During the Vietnam War, the bacteria "was reported to be the most common [bacteria of this class] recovered from traumatic injuries to extremities," the report said.

And since the some of the more recent cases occurred in members with similar injuries, "environmental contamination of wounds" might be a potential source of the infection, the report said.

"Environmental contamination" is the medical term for some kind of virus or bacteria a person might pick up from wherever he or she is at the time.

But while some of the patients in the report had the infection when they were first admitted to military medical facilities, the report said, researchers still don't know whether the members picked up the bacteria at the time they were wounded, during the evacuation process, or at a military medical facility in the field, the report said.

So while researchers plan to look at whether the military patients picked up the bacteria in the hospital where they were first diagnosed with the infection, the investigation will also include "detailed reviews of geographic locations where injuries occurred and reviews of the movement of injured patients through treatment facilities," the report said.

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SEAL faces charges

SAN DIEGO — A Navy SEAL lieutenant faces a hearing Monday on allegations he assaulted an Iraqi detainee who died at the Abu Ghraib prison, the Navy said.

An Article 32 hearing, the military equivalent of a civilian grand jury, will be held at Naval Base San Diego for the unnamed officer.

The lieutenant allegedly punched Manadel al-Jamadi in the torso, and allowed personnel under his command to abuse him, according to a charging document released by the Navy on Thursday.

Al-Jamadi, a suspect in the bombing of a Red Cross facility, was captured by SEALs in November 2003 during a joint special forces-CIA mission, and died a short time later at Abu Ghraib prison.

Al-Jamadi died from blunt force trauma to the upper torso complicated by hampered breathing, according to a military pathologist.

The lieutenant is a member of the Sea-Air-Land, or SEAL, unit known as SEAL Team-7, which conducted secret counterterrorism missions in Iraq with CIA personnel. It is based at Coronado, California.

The charges against him include assault, maltreatment, failure to obey an order, conduct unbecoming an officer and false official statements.

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Pentagon launches new support program

BY PATRICK DICKSON

Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has a message for its troops serving in war zones: America Supports You.

That's the name of a new campaign, introduced Friday at the Pentagon by Charlie Abell, principal deputy under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

Abell said the program is designed so that the Department of Defense can "realize what's going on and to be able to tell our soldiers and their families that we support you."

The effort is two-pronged, according to Allison Barber, special assistant to the assistant secretary of defense for public affairs, internal communication/public liaison.

"We're going to go to Americans and say, 'Join our Web site. Tell us what you're doing to support the troops.' The second part is we're going to take the info to the troops."

"We have a myriad of ways to talk to the troops, to provide information, and we're going to use them all," Abell said.

Barber said she also would be attending a taping of Ellen DeGeneres' daytime talk show that will have a segment dedicated to the program, and said the DOD is aggressively pursuing other high-profile shows, such as "Live



Left: USO President Edward Powell Jr., left, and Charlie Abell, principal deputy under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness, talk at Friday's Pentagon rollout of the new "America Supports You" program. **Right:** Shauna Fleming, a 16-year-old from Orange, Calif., sports the new "America Supports You" dog tag. Fleming and school friends have collected more than 1 million letters and e-mails with messages of support and sent them to troops all over the world.

with Regis and Kelly" and the "Late Show with David Letterman."

Barber said that during visits to Iraq and Afghanistan, Defense officials were hearing servicemembers ask about the sentiments back home.

"Do Americans still support

us?" she said the troops were asking. "And of course the answer is yes. You and I see it here, the yellow ribbons and all the terrific things folks are doing, but the guys overseas don't see it. We have a communications gap."

The Web site, <http://americasupportsyou.mil>, will be a place



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where Americans can "join the team," Barber said.

A text block asks you what you've done to support the troops, and when you send the information, it gives you the opportunity to link to Stars and Stripes' Web site, where you can be shipped an "America Supports You" dog tag



by providing a shipping address.

There's also a space for Americans to send messages to the troops. One such message was on the new site Friday:

"Despite what you hear or read in the media back home, America thanks you for defending our way of life. We support you and may God bless you, keep you safe and return you home soon," wrote "Jeff" from San Antonio.

Barber cited America's flagging support as the Vietnam War continued as one reason for the campaign.

"In the Sixties, we did not do a good job of separating the war from the warrior. As the war grew unpopular, people started taking it out on the GI," she said.

Abell reiterated that point when asked if Americans can support the troops without supporting the war.

"I think America can do this easily. If you don't support the war philosophically, you can still support the troops."

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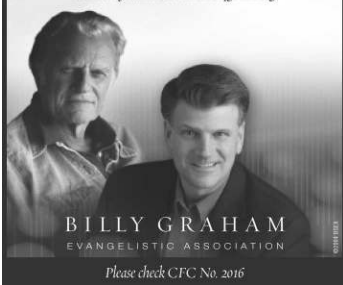
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U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004, at least 1,216 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 945 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said.

The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 73 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,078 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count.

That includes at least 836 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military officials in Fallujah, Iraq:

■ A Marine was killed Thursday in an attack in Fallujah.

The latest identifications reported by the Defense Department:

■ Marine Sgt. Christopher T. Hefflin, 26, Paducah, Ky.; killed Tuesday in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Louis W. Qualls, 20, Temple, Texas; killed Tuesday in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to the Marine Corps Reserves 2nd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Grand Prairie, Texas.

Forces storm mosque, hospital

At least 15 insurgents killed in Friday raids

BY TINI TRAN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraqi forces, backed by U.S. soldiers, stormed one of the major Sunni Muslim mosques in Baghdad after Friday prayers, opening fire and killing at least three people, witnesses said. In the battle for control of Mosul, Iraqi forces raided several areas overnight, killing 15 insurgents, Iraqi and U.S. military officials said.

At least 13 other insurgents were captured in Mosul, authorities said.

About 40 people were arrested at the Abu Hanifa mosque in the capital's northwest Azamiyah neighborhood, said the witnesses, who were members of the congregation. Another five people were wounded.

It appeared the raid at Abu Hanifa mosque, long associated with anti-American activity, was part of the crackdown on Sunni clerical militants launched in parallel with military operations against the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah.

On Thursday, the Iraqi government warned that Islamic clerics who incite violence will be considered as "participating in terrorism."

A number of them already have been arrested, including several members of the Sunni clerical Association of Muslim Scholars, which spoke out against the U.S.-led offensive against Fallujah.

"The government is determined to pursue those who incite acts of violence. A number of mosques' clerics who have publicly called for taking the path of violence have been arrested and will be legally tried," said Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's spokesman, Hamid al-Naqeeb.

U.S. troops also raided a Sunni Muslim mosque in Qaim, near the Syrian border, a cleric said, calling it retaliation for opposition to the Fallujah offensive. Imam Maudafar Abdul Wahab said his mosque was gathering food and supplies to send to Fallujah, and U.S. troops took about \$2,000 meant for repair of his mosque.

Elsewhere in Baghdad, a suicide car bomber rammed into a police patrol, killing one policeman and injuring as many as 10 other people, including police members, authorities said.

At the Abu Hanifa mosque, U.S. troops were seen securing the outer perimeter and sealing it off. Some American soldiers also were seen inside the compound.

Witnesses heard explosions coming from inside the mosque, apparently from sun grenades. Insults and the use of the imam books, including a Quran, and a computer were found scattered on the floor, and the furniture was turned upside down.

Sattler told Pentagon reporters in a video teleconference from Fallujah.

Some analysts flatly disagreed. "I see absolutely no chance that's true," said Anthony Cordesman, a senior analyst at the non-partisan Center for Strategic and International Studies. Cordesman issued a report declaring that the insurgents had lost militarily but won a political victory at Fallujah.

Sattler said he could not confirm a report that troops had found a headquarters used by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the Jordanian terrorist believed to have escaped Fallujah before the fighting began.

But he said they had found sites used to make car bombs and



A U.S. soldier stands guard next to destroyed Iraqi police car in Baghdad after a suicide car bomber rammed into a police patrol, killing one policeman and injuring at least four other people on Friday.

At least 10 U.S. armored vehicles were parked at the mosque, along with two vehicles carrying about 40 Iraqi National Guards, witnesses said.

Abu Hanifa mosque has long been associated with anti-American agitation. Saddam Hussein was seen in the area as the city fell to American forces in April 2003, and U.S. Marines battled Saddam loyalists around the mosque on April 10, 2003, the day after the ousted ruler's statue was hauled down in Firdous Square.

In western Mosul, Iraqi National Guard and a special police force raided several areas Thursday night, killing 15 insurgents and capturing 10 others, Deputy Gov. Khassro Ghouss said.

Three policemen also were killed Thursday when masked gunmen set up a checkpoint in eastern Mosul and shot them when they displayed identification, Gouran said.

A car bomb attack on a U.S. patrol in the northeastern Sukar neighborhood of Mosul injured one U.S. soldier, the military said.

A raid overnight at a hospital allegedly used by insurgents in Mosul — Iraq's third-largest city — led to the arrests of three suspected terrorists, the military said.

Iraqi commanders with the Ministry of the

Interior's Special Police Force, backed by U.S. troops, raided the al-Zaharawi hospital after getting information that insurgents were treating their wounded there, said Lt. Col. Paul Hastings with Task Force Olympia.

Pictures were taken in the mosque of 23 bodies believed to have been those of terrorists, Hastings said.

U.S. and Iraqi forces began a major military operation Tuesday to wrest control of Mosul after gunmen last week attacked police stations, bridges and political offices in apparent support of Fallujah guerrillas.

On Friday, three of the city's five bridges were reopened to traffic and most of the city remained calm, though U.S. forces came under some "indirect fire" that caused no injuries, Hastings said.

During a routine patrol, U.S. forces also found burned bullet materials inside a Mosul warehouse after a tip by an Iraqi security officer. Efforts are under way to replace the materials for the January elections.

Iraq is slated to hold national elections by Jan. 31 to elect a 275-member assembly in what is expected to be a major step toward building democracy.

In Fallujah, battles flared as troops hunted holdout insurgents, and one U.S. Marine and one Iraqi soldier were killed, U.S. officials said.

Analysts dispute general's assessment of broken insurgency in Fallujah

BY RICHARD WHITTLE

The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON — Retaking Fallujah has "broken the back of the insurgency," the U.S. commander in Iraq said Thursday — an assessment far more optimistic than other analysts' views and even a Marine Corps intelligence report.

Lt. Gen. John Sattler, the top U.S. Marine Corps commander in Iraq, said the 11-day operation had destroyed the insurgents' base and would "make it very hard for them to operate" elsewhere in Iraq.

"We feel right now that we have, as I mentioned, broken the back of the insurgency and we have taken away this safe haven,"

other weapons, as well as what he described as "the National Islamic Resistance operations center."

Sattler displayed photos of what he described as "blood-stained walls and surfaces down in the basement and the tools for what appears to be some type of a torture chamber" in the center.

Computers that may have been used to mass-produce DVDs of the insurgents' deeds for distribution as propaganda also were found there, he said.

Troops also found "a number of ledgers" that "list individuals, list fighters from other countries, other parts of the globe, not just immediately surrounding the country of Iraq" that should provide useful intelligence, he said.

"This has disrupted them, I be-

lieve — I personally believe — across the country."

International analyst Cordesman said in his written report that insurgents could gain politically from the battle in several ways.

"The level of hostility that the fighting in Fallujah has created among Arab Sunnis, many other Iraqis and Arabs outside Iraq raises serious questions about its impact on future insurgent activity," he wrote.

"It may well make it much easier [for them] to get recruits and to justify violence," he added. "It also has almost certainly increased the slow but steady polarization of Iraqi Sunnis into a group that feels disgraced and deprived of power and wealth by

the invasion and the occupation that has followed."

Adding that a recent TV videotape of a Marine killing an apparently unarmed and wounded insurgent had been a propaganda "godsend" to the rebels, Cordesman concluded that "So far, therefore, Fallujah has been a political victory for the insurgents."

Michael Vickers, a Pentagon consultant and former CIA operative, said the operation "could have dealt a pretty good blow to the insurgency. I just don't think you can say it broke the back."

The test of the operation's success will be whether Iraqi security forces, backed by U.S. troops, can maintain law and order there from now on and whether most Sunnis decide to reject rebellion and accept a new democratic political system, Vickers said.

Speicher airfield to be key spoke in Tikrit hub

BY STEVE LIEWER

Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE SPEICHER, Iraq — For 18 months, the vast airfield at Camp Speicher near Tikrit sat deserted and almost useless, its main runway and taxiways riddled with bomb craters from the U.S.-led invasion last year.

Sgt. 1st Class Floyd Gibson and his 13-man detachment of soldiers in the Aircraft Departure Airfield Command Group whiled away the hours in their lonely plywood shack at the edge of the field.

They processed 10 or so passengers a day on one of the occasional C-23 Sherpa flights that stopped at the base.

"We started off with just one airplane coming out of here," said Gibson, 35, of the 536th Movement Control Team, an Army Reserve unit based in Orlando, Fla.

Since then, things have become much busier.

Last summer, the 1st Infantry Division consolidated its CH-47 Chinook and UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter traffic at Speicher's little terminal.

In September, C-130 cargo aircraft started flying to Kuwait and Qatar from Speicher.

Teams of National Guard combat engineers from Wisconsin and Ohio have nearly finished a

four-month, \$4 million runway repair project that is paving the way for much bigger operations.

"We came in with the attitude that we are going to run it like any other Department of Defense airfield," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Jamie Haas, 45, of the 1st ID's 4th Brigade, the airfield safety officer and architect of many of the changes.

The 4th Infantry Division, which preceded 1st ID at Speicher, flew nothing but helicopters out of the field, using the remaining good runway to store cargo.

But Brig. Gen. Stephen Mundt, assistant 1st ID commander for support, had quite a different vision for Speicher.

With an eye on moving the 1st ID-led Task Force Danger head-quarters to Speicher from Saddam Hussein's showy marble-palace compound across town, he and Haas imagined the field as a major hub rivaling the huge logistical supply airfields at Balad and Mosul.

Mundt ordered the runway cleared of containers, which allowed DHL to begin cargo flights.

This fall, contractor KBR added several Quonset huts to Gibson's plywood shack so soldiers could wait comfortably for flights.

Gibson also is working on getting a shower point and a sand-wich bar installed.



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Sgt. Nathan Kaminski, 24, left, and SPC. Brad Thieroff, 21, both of Toledo, Ohio, use a machine to drill holes as part of a \$4 million project to repair bomb damage to the runways and taxiways at the Forward Operating Base Speicher airfield in Tikrit, Iraq.

The construction work to repair the 18 bomb craters will boost the field's potential, said Chief Warrant Officer 2 John Zupancic, 58, of the Wisconsin National Guard's 264th Engineer Group, who is supervising the

project.

He expects the work to be finished by the end of November. When it's done, the 10,260-foot runway will be sturdy enough to handle big Air Force jets such as C-5s, C-17s, and C-141s.

"Hopefully, we'll get this rebuilt so these [1st ID] troops can fly directly home to Germany instead of going to Anacosta [Balsad]," Zupancic said.

Haas isn't sure it can happen that quickly. "It'll be a very functional airfield in a year or so," Haas said.

"Eventually, this has the potential to move people in and out of theater."

Gibson said traffic already has increased to 150 or 200 soldiers a day, with C-130s carrying troops to rest-and-recuperation flights in Kuwait almost daily.

Capt. Tom Klump, 25, personnel officer of the 1st ID's 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery, is in charge of sending his unit's troops home on leave.

As he waited for his own R&R flight Wednesday, he said the addition of C-130s at Speicher has drastically curtailed his need to load vacation-bound soldiers into trucks for dangerous convoy runs to Balad or Mosul from the unit's base in Baiji, 30 miles northwest of Tikrit.

"For these guys up north, it's obviously a lot safer," Klump said.

"The less time you spend driving around out there, the better."

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IN THE STATES

Iran nuke info came from unverified source

BY DAFNA LINZER

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—Secretary of State Colin Powell shared information with reporters Wednesday about Iran's nuclear program that was classified and based on an unvetted, single source who

provided information that two U.S. officials said Thursday was highly significant if true but has not yet been verified.

Powell and other senior Cabinet members were briefed last week on the sensitive intelligence. The material was stamped "No Foreign," meaning it was not

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to be shared with allies, although President Bush decided that portions could be shared last week

with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, officials said.

According to one official with access to the material, a "walk-in" source approached U.S. intelligence earlier this month with more than 1,000 pages purported to be Iranian drawings and technical documents, includ-

ing a nuclear warhead design and modifications enabling Iranian ballistic missiles to deliver an atomic strike. The official agreed to discuss the information on the condition of anonymity and only because Powell had alluded to it publicly.

But U.S. intelligence officials have been combing the information carefully and with a wary eye, mindful of the mistakes made in trusting intelligence information alleging that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction.

If the information on Iran is confirmed, it would mean the Islamic republic is further along than previously known in developing a nuclear weapon and the means to deliver it. The documents included a specific warhead design with an implosion device on the tip and adjustments aimed at outfitting the warhead on existing Iranian missile systems.

U.S. intelligence has known since at least 2002 that Iran is capable of enriching uranium, the key ingredient in a nuclear bomb.

Iran also has a successful missile program. But U.N. nuclear inspectors who have been investigating Iran for nearly two years have found no evidence that Tehran possesses a nuclear warhead design or is conducting a nuclear weapons program.

The Islamic republic, which on Sunday entered into a new deal with France, Britain and Germany to suspend its nuclear program, has denied it is trying to build atomic weapons and insists its work is part of a budding energy effort.

Western intelligence estimates of Iran's capabilities vary. But U.S. officials believe Iran could be three to five years from completing a bomb if it is successful at constructing and operating thousands of highly sophisticated centrifuge parts for enriching uranium.

The information provided by the source, who was not previously known to U.S. intelligence, does not mention uranium or any other area of Iran's known nuclear program, according to the official with access to the material. It focuses instead on a warhead design and modifications to Iran's long-range Shahab-3 missile and a medium-range missile in its arsenal. The Shahab-3 has a range of 800 miles and is capable of hitting Israel.

The official said the CIA remains unsure about the authenticity of the documents and how the informant came into their possession. A second official would say only that there are questions about the source of the information.

Officials interviewed by The Washington Post did not know the identity of the source or whether the individual is connected to an Iranian exile group that made fresh accusations about Iran at a news conference Wednesday in Paris. The National Council for Resistance in Iran charged that Iran was still enriching uranium and will continue to do so despite the pledge made Sunday to European foreign ministers.

Staff writers Robin Wright in Santiago, Chile, and Glenn Kessler in Washington contributed to this report.



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FDA official defends agency's handling of drug safety issues

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Food and Drug Administration official said Friday "we categorically reject" accusations the agency has failed to protect the public against dangerous drugs.

"All the drugs that are on the market have risks," asserted Dr. Steven Galson, acting director of the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research.

Appearing on morning television a day after an FDA critic renewed allegations the regulatory agency mishandled the arthritis drug Vioxx, Galson also said that a review is under way of five other medications whose safety was questioned.

For the second consecutive Friday, Merck & Co. placed full-page advertising in select newspapers.

The ads highlight the company's commitment to transparency in research, commitment to patient safety and the health of its balance sheet. Economists estimate the Vioxx disaster could ultimately cost Merck up to \$18 billion in lost profits and legal costs.

In one of a trio of full-page ads in Friday's Wall Street Journal, Merck proclaims a 100-year tradition of putting patients first, wording that echoes the company president's testimony

before Congress one day earlier.

"When we obtain data from our clinical studies, we promptly disclose them," the ad states. "When questions arise about our medicines, we quickly analyze the available data, explore their meaning within the company and in scientific forums, and conduct further studies as warranted."

In testimony to the Senate Finance Committee on Thursday, FDA reviewer David Graham had cited the acne drug Accutane, the weight loss drug Meridia, the anti-cholesterol drug Crestor, the pain reliever Bextra, and the asthma drug Serevent. The manufacturers of these drugs defended the use and safety of their products.

Graham argued that the country is "virtually defenseless" against a repeat of the Vioxx debacle. Galson immediately rejected that, saying it had "no basis in fact."

"What we're concerned about is the sort of hysterical charges that come out, that aren't based on reality," Galson said Friday on NBC's "Today" show. "I think the drug industry would be astounded at the charges we're too cozy with them," he said.

"I spend a lot of time dealing with complaints from the drug industry,"

New mad cow tests under way

By TOM RAUM

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. consumer and cattle-industry groups joined the government in cautioning against public alarm as federal scientists investigate a possible new case of mad cow disease.

The U.S. Agriculture Department said Thursday that additional checks were needed after an initial screening proved inconclusive for the disease in a single animal. Results will be known in four days to seven days.

The announcement raised fears that the United States might have its second case of the fatal brain-wasting disease and rattled the cattle industry, meat companies and hamburger restaurant chains.

Mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy, attacks an animal's nervous system. People who eat food contaminated with BSE can contract a rare disease that is nearly always fatal — variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.

Industry, consumer groups urge calm

"The inconclusive result does not mean we have found another case of BSE in this country," said Andrea Morgan, associate deputy administrator of the department's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

She said the department "remains confident in the safety of the U.S. beef supply."

The "inconclusive result" was the same term the agency used in June when two potential cases turned out to be false alarms.

Industry and consumer groups emphasized that the test results were preliminary and that no part of the animal in question had entered the food or feed chain.

Jan Lyons, a Kansas cattle producer who is president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, said the test result "is simply one step in the process," and that a tissue sample was being tested at a national agricultural laboratory in Ames, Iowa.

"We can't assume at this point

that this 'inconclusive' represents a positive case," Lyons said.

The Consumer Federation of America suggested that the inconclusive label was misleading and that the government should have reported the findings as a "preliminary positive test."

Still, federation official Carol Tucker said, the announcement should not alarm consumers.

In the only confirmed U.S. case, a Canadian-born Holstein was found to have been infected in Washington state last December. More than 40 countries cut off imports of U.S. beef and more than 700 additional cattle in Washington, Oregon and Idaho were killed as a precaution.

Ranches and businesses dependent on beef are still feeling financial effects from that episode. Thursday's announcement sent cattle prices tumbling. Shares of McDonald's, Wendy's, and other restaurant chains that feature hamburgers slumped, as did those of U.S. meat producers such as Tyson Foods, Inc.

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Ala. church bomber Cherry dies in prison

BY BOB JOHNSON

The Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Bobby Frank Cherry, convicted of killing four black girls in a racially motivated bombing of a Birmingham church in 1963, died Thursday in prison. He was 74.

Cherry, suffering from cancer, died in the hospital unit at Kilby Correctional Facility in Montgomery, a Department of Corrections spokesman said.

Cherry, of Mableton, Texas, was convicted in May 2002 in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church,

a gathering place for civil rights demonstrators in Birmingham, and was sentenced to life in prison. It was the deadliest act of the civil rights era.

Cherry was among three former Ku Klux Klan members convicted in the bombing, which killed the four girls as they were preparing to take part in a Sunday morning service.

Thomas Blanton was convicted in 2001 and is serving a life prison sentence. Robert Chambliss, convicted in 1977, also died in prison.

The Sept. 15, 1963, explosion killed Addie Mae Collins, Carole Robertson and Cynthia Wesley, all 14, and Denise McNair, 11.

Collins' sister, Sarah Collins Ru-

dolph, lost an eye in the blast, but her husband expressed sorrow that Cherry had died.

"I hope he was saved. I hope he repented," George C. Rudolph said.

Cherry had been ill for some time and complained last summer he was not receiving proper treatment and was being held as a political prisoner.

His daughter, Karen Sunderland, said the family would take Cherry's body to Texas, where she lives and where her father had moved in the early 1970s, for burial.

"He was a good man," she said, sobbing.

The bomb shook downtown Birmingham as church members prepared for a youth-led Sunday worship service. The city's public schools had been integrated a few days earlier after a six-year court fight, and tensions had been running high.

While Cherry, Blanton and Chambliss were all considered suspects within days afterward, the case went unsolved for years until then-Alabama Attorney General Bill Baxley reopened the investigation and successfully prosecuted Chambliss in 1977.

Though Cherry allowed involvement in the bombing, both publicly and in interviews with investigators, prosecutors reopened the case in 1995 and found five estranged family members and acquaintances who said Cherry boasted of taking part.

"He said he lit the fuse," ex-wife Willadean Brogdon testified at his trial.

He was convicted May 22, 2002.

Man gets execution reprieve

The Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Sitting in a small holding cell a few feet from the Texas death chamber, condemned inmate Troy Kunkle received word he would live another day.

A 5-4 ruling Thursday evening from the U.S. Supreme Court kept Kunkle, 38, from becoming the 24th Texas inmate to be executed this year.

The decision by the high court to consider a review of his case came about 40 minutes after the time Texas prison officials could have administered the lethal injection. Texas authorities, however, refrain from moving forward with the injections until all court orders have been exhausted. The indefinite reprieve was the second for Kunkle this year. In July, the high court stopped his lethal injection about nine hours before he was scheduled to die.

Kunkle was condemned for a fatal shooting in Corpus Christi 20 years ago. According to testimony at his capital murder trial, Kunkle was 18 when he fatally shot Stephen Horton, 31.

Defense lawyers contended Kunkle, born in Nuremberg, Germany, whose father was in the military, was raised in a troubled home environment and left mentally scarred by parents who had been treated for depression.



Kunkle

boy sexually assaulted another boy in a middle-school stairway after chasing the victim from a bathroom, authorities said.

The school's principal was replaced pending an investigation, and three police officers were added to the five already stationed at Stetson Middle School.

Mail shootings

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — A gunman fatally shot two people and wounded a

Discovery of ape may bridge evolutionary gap

Find sparks debate over modern man's continent of origin

BY DIETRA HENDERSON

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A nearly 13 million-year-old ape discovered in Spain is the last probable common ancestor to all living humans and great apes, a research team says in Friday's issue of Science magazine.

A husband-and-wife team of fossil sleuths unearthed an animal with a body like an ape, fingers like a chimp and the upright posture of humans. The ancient ape bridges the gap between earlier, primitive animals and later, modern creatures.

This newest ape species, *Pierolapithecus catalaunicus*, is so significant that it adds a new page to ancient human history.

The researchers sidestepped a controversy raging through the field by not claiming their find moves great ape evolution — and the emergence of humans — from Africa to Europe. Salvador Moya-Sola, one of the Science paper co-authors, said the new ape species probably lived in both places.

"The problem is the fossil record," Moya-Sola said. "The fossil record in Africa, especially in the upper Miocene, is very scarce. And the fossils are very rare. But this is only a question of work, and work, and work."

David Begun, a University of Toronto researcher who studies fossil evidence of human and ape evolution, said the Spanish find bolsters "the idea that modern apes evolved primarily in Eurasia."

"There is nothing in Africa, so you can always speculate they might have been there," Begun said. "I prefer to go with the evidence."

Coaxed by a reporter to say *Pierolapithecus catalaunicus* represented a "missing link," Meike Köhler, another of the paper's co-authors, demurred. "I don't like, very much, to use this word."

Köhler added: "This does not mean that just this individual — or even this species, exactly this species — must have been the species that gave rise to everything else that came later in the great ape tree. But it is, if not the species, most probably a very closely related species that gave rise to it."

Maybe. Maybe not, argues David Strait, an assistant profes-

Ape ancestor found in Spain

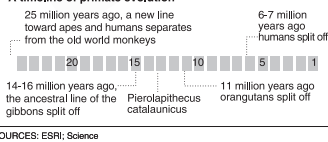
Fossil sleuths in Spain unearthed bones of an animal that may have been the last common ancestor to living great apes, including humans, gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans and others. The nearly 13-million-year-old species is called *Pierolapithecus catalaunicus*.



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Paleontologists pieced together 83 bones and fragments of bones from a male ape. Like other great apes, the new find had a large thorax, upright posture, supple wrists and a flat face.

A timeline of primate evolution



sor of anthropology at the University at Albany who studies early humans.

He said the specimen is "spectacular," but he worried the team's approach to assigning evolutionary relationships was a bit informal and needs confirmation by more rigorous methods.

"Ancestor" is a loaded term. It's very hard to identify ancestors in the fossil record," Strait cau-

tioned.

The site near Barcelona that yielded the specimen had only one hominid, or ape-like primate. Moya-Sola said apes, however, were common in the area millions of years ago. The team has already found a tooth elsewhere and expects to find more hominid fossils.

Living great apes include humans, chimps, gorillas and orangutans.

she isn't competent to be secretary of state.

John Sylvester, the program director and morning personality on WTDY-AM in Madison, Wisconsin, said in a phone interview Thursday that he used the term on Wednesday's show to describe Rice and other blacks as having "only a subservient role in the Bush administration."

Rice was named this week to replace the departing Colin Powell as secretary of state.

From The Associated Press

Day-care fire kills boy

AURORA, Colo. — A baby boy was killed Thursday when flames engulfed a home day-care operation, and an off-duty deputy suffered minor injuries when he braved thick smoke to try to save the infant.

The fire's cause was under investigation.

Middle school sex assault

PHILADELPHIA — An 11-year-old



Dana Reeve and son Will arrive for a gala fund-raiser for the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation in New York on Thursday night. The event raised \$1.7 million to continue Christopher Reeve's efforts to find a cure for spinal-cord injury victims. Reeve died of heart failure last month at the age of 52.

Stars remember Reeve with fund-raising tribute

BY JIM FITZGERALD
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gone but hardly forgotten, the late Christopher Reeve was remembered Thursday for his courage and commitment at a \$1.7 million fund-raising dinner that continued his efforts to find a cure for spinal-cord injury victims.

"Christopher pushed the boundaries beyond anything anyone could expect from any human being," said his widow, Dana Reeve, who succeeded him as chair of the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Association. "A human being — not Superman, alas, but a human being."

"To me, he was a loving husband, a partner, a confidant, a sweet gift brought into my life," she said.

A star-studded crowd that included William H. Macy, Paul Simon, Minnie Driver and others turned out at what became yet another tribute to Reeve's indomitable spirit in the wake of his death last month at age 52.

"Our hero has passed on and now we need to be the heroes," Dana Reeve said. "Your heroic gesture, frankly, is to write a check."

Macy presented actress Glenn Close, a longtime Reeve friend who characterized the evening as a bittersweet, with the foundation's Human Spirit Award.

"Christopher became a great

offered their memories of Reeve. "I grew up with the 'Superman' movies," Alt said.

Exposito recalled how his friend had accomplished so much without the use of his body.

"He was a profound leader," Exposito said. "We were all surprised and crushed at his demise. Those of us who know Chris, we're sure he's walking in heaven."

Actor Daryl Mitchell, paralyzed in a 2001 motorcycle accident, cited Reeve as an inspiration. "I had nobody to stand up for me, but Christopher did," he said.

Dana Reeve said this week that while the gala had naturally evolved into something of a tribute to him, it's important "that we're also thinking about the future and about fund-raising and about keeping his mission alive."

Reeve became the face of spinal cord injury after a May 1995 horse riding accident left him unable to use his arms or legs or breathe without a ventilator. He used his celebrity to lobby for more funds for biomedical research and aid to the disabled.

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Dana Reeve, Christopher Reeve's widow

man, someone the whole world mourns," Close told 900 guests at the New York Marriott Marquis.

"He is irreplaceable, and he is here urging us on."

A video tribute to Reeve featured Michael J. Fox and Susan Sarandon. "Chris's presence is palpable," his wife said.

Guests paid \$750 to \$10,000 to attend the annual dinner. Early arrivals included model Carlo Alt and actor Giancarlo Esposito, who

Howard gets Sirius: Fans get free radios from Stern

BY VERENA DOBNIK
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Howard Stern, surrounded by strippers and cheered by thousands of fans, began promoting his switch to satellite radio Thursday at a rally where he handed out free boom boxes and satellite subscriptions.

"Down with the FCC!" the shock jock told a legion of sign-waving backers. "They have ruined commercial broadcasting."

The fans agreed, screaming "Howard rules!" as their hero addressed the overflow crowd. Stern supporters spilled into the streets surrounding Manhattan's Union Square, stopping nontime traffic throughout the neighborhood.

Across the square on Fifth Avenue, the culture war took on another slant, with fans of the rival satellite radio XM staging their own rally, hoisting placards touting the shock jock antics of its "Opie & Anthony" radio team.

Stern will be able to say anything he wants once he starts at Sirius Satellite Radio, which is free of Federal Communications Commission restrictions. Stern has battled for years with the FCC over the content of his salacious show.

Last month, Stern announced



Radio host Howard Stern, below center, waits as thousands of his fans line up to receive a free Sirius radio from him in Union Square in New York on Thursday.

he was leaving traditional radio for Sirius — even though his current syndicated show is scheduled to run through December 2005.

Stern has hinted on his morning program that his January 2006 start date at Sirius could be pushed up. His current employer, Infinity Broadcasting, has ordered Stern to cut back on his on-air references to his move.

"Once you start listening to [satellite], it's like crack," Stern said to cheers. "You will be addicted."

Stern personally handed out a free Sirius boom box to the first 500 fans, while he had another 20,000 redeemable certificates for free radios. The equipment allows listeners, for \$12.95 a month, to receive 120 channels of commercial-free music, sports, news, talk, entertainment and traffic.

O.D.B. memorialized

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Family and friends of the late rapper O.D.B. — including Grammy-winning singer Mariah Carey — packed a church Thursday in the vicinity where he grew up to remember one of hip-hop's most colorful characters.

The rapper, born Russell Tyrone Jones, died at age 35 after a life blessed with musical success — he co-founded the seminal rap group Wu-Tang Clan — and beset by personal problems,

including drugs, alcohol and prison.

But his daughter, Taniqua Jones, recalled him as "a big kid" who enjoyed candy, cooking and spending time with his children.

"One thing I know," she told the overflow crowd. "My father will be missed all around the world."

Another Wu-Tang member, RZA, told the audience he felt guilty for not intervening when Jones' lifestyle veered out of control.

Mom: Rapper not treated fairly by police

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Young Buck's mother says her son has been treated unfairly by police and demeaned for his gangster rap songs that depict the harshness of street life.

Police say the 23-year-old rapper (real name: David Darnell Brown), whose debut album has sold more than 700,000 copies, is wanted in connection with a stabbing at Monday's Vibe Awards outside of Los Angeles.

Detectives were negotiating with a lawyer representing Buck but had not yet reached a surrender agreement, police said Thursday.

Buck is shown wielding a knife on a videotape of the melee. The assault apparently occurred in retaliation against a man who had approached Dr. Dre — Buck's musical mentor — and began punching him as he was about to receive his honor.

From The Associated Press

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Money talks: Bush gave jobs to big fund-raisers

BY SHARON THEIMER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One-third of President Bush's top 2000 fund-raisers or their spouses were appointed to positions in his first administration, an Associated Press review found.

Three top fund-raisers became Cabinet secretaries: Bush 2000 finance chairman Don Evans at Commerce, Elaine Chao at Labor and Tom Ridge at Homeland Security.

At least eight took other high-profile administration jobs, such as State Department chief financial officer Christopher Burn-

ham and Jose Fourquet, U.S. executive director of the Inter-American Development Bank.

At least two dozen of the 2000 fund-raisers or their spouses became ambassadors, mostly to Europe. Howard Leach, a California agribusiness investment banker and former finance chairman of the Republican National Committee, went to Paris. Lobbyist Peter Terpeluk went to Luxembourg.

At least 57 contributors or their spouses were named to agency positions, advisory or decision-making committees and boards or to U.S. delegations.

James Langdon, a Washington lawyer, was named to the Pres-

ident's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, which advises Bush on intelligence-gathering and counter-intelligence. Langdon also was among guests at a state dinner honoring the president of Poland, who stayed overnight at Camp David and served on Bush's energy transition team.

Hersh Koslow, a New Jersey lawyer, was appointed to the Advisory Committee for Trade Policy and Negotiation, which advises Bush on trade agreements. Texas lobbyist Roger Wallace joined the Inter-American Foundation board, which provides development grants to Central America and the Caribbean.

About a half-dozen spouses were given spots on panels, such as the board of advisers at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the National Museum Services Board.

Michelle Engler, a lawyer who is married to former Michigan Gov. John Engler, was named to the Federal Home Mortgage Insurance Corp. board. It oversees a government-sponsored company that finances and insures billions of dollars worth of home mortgages.

In addition to the appointments, at least three-dozen pioneers or others at their companies had front-row seats as Bush assembled his first administration and set poli-

cy priorities. Energy, Treasury and Commerce were the most popular transition teams among Bush pioneers.

Tom Kuhn, head of the Edison Electric Institute, was Bush's energy transition team. So, too, was 2000 Pioneer Kenneth Lay, a longtime Bush friend and donor who now faces criminal charges in the Enron scandal. He was not on the list of top Bush re-election fund-raisers.

White House spokeswoman Erin Healy said Bush appointed the contributors because he believed they were well qualified. "His main objective in appointing someone is finding the person who will get the job done, and someone who has the best qualifications," Healy said.

The practices of rewarding big donors and fund-raisers with ambassadorships and government appointments is ingrained in Washington. Former President Bill Clinton, in his first year in office, picked five \$100,000-plus Democratic donors to be ambassadors.

"Just because it is done often does not make it right," said Larry Noble, executive director of the Center for Responsive Politics, a nonpartisan campaign finance watchdog group.

While the appointed pioneers may be qualified for the jobs, Noble said, "Clearly the White House was not looking at a total pool of talent available out there."

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Anti-President Arnold

SACRAMENTO — A Texas radio host launched a Web-based offensive Thursday against efforts to change the U.S. Constitution to allow Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to run for president of the United States.

Alex Jones, an Austin-based talk show host, said the site raised \$5,000 in its first two hours.

Jones, once voted Austin's favorite radio host and sometimes described as a "conspiracy theorist," said he's raising funds to run TV ads in Austin and Sacramento to counter those beginning this week by Schwarzenegger supporters hoping he'll run for president.

Senator warns Goss

WASHINGTON — A Democratic senator warned CIA Director Porter Goss Thursday that his efforts to make major changes could have "a significant and negative effect on the agency."

In a letter to Goss, Senator Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat from California, also said she feared the "politicization of our intelligence services" because Goss sent an e-mail this week to agency employees telling them to serve the Bush administration.

Pushing for budget deal

WASHINGTON — Budget bargainers whittled their differences Friday in hopes that Congress can speed an overdue \$388 billion bill to President Bush that funds most federal agencies.

The giant measure, which leaders hoped to pass by Saturday, bears extra money for priorities like veterans and Sudan.

From The Associated Press

IN THE WORLD

Madrid power outage

MADRID, Spain — Electric power was expected to be restored by Friday afternoon to several thousand Madrid residents still affected by a major outage from the previous day.

A fire at a substation briefly cut service to about 250,000 residents and snarled traffic, disrupted subway lines and inconvenienced people and businesses that depend on elevators, telephones, refrigerators and the like.

The fire was declared under control by 9 p.m. Thursday, about four hours after it broke out. By early Friday, only about 11,000 customers remained without power.

Purse thief busted

OSLO, Norway — A purse snatched in a small Norwegian town picked the wrong 88-year-old woman to rob, since she was with a tough younger man at the time.

And her 78-year-old friend ended up sending the thief to the hospital, and then to jail this week, the local newspaper Moss Avisen reported Friday.

The report said the thief was on a bicycle when he snatched the purse in Raade, about 30 miles south of Oslo.

The 78-year-old man reacted instantly, grabbing hold of the purse and dragged the 30-year-old thief off his bike and onto the asphalt.

The stunned thief got up — bleeding profusely from a cut on the head — and staggered off, still clutching the woman's wallet which he had pulled from the purse.

Police located him and took him to a hospital, where he needed seven stitches.

Huge drug bust

DUSHANBE, Tajikistan — Tajikistan's anti-drug agency seized nearly 550 pounds of illegal drugs in the capital Dushanbe, officials said Friday.

The drugs, including about 418 pounds of raw opium and 60 pounds of heroin, were found earlier this week in a truck when it was searched by drug agency officers at a checkpoint on the border with Dushanbe, said Drug Control Agency spokesman Avaz Yuldashev. The truck driver was detained and the case is being investigated, he said.

U.N. changes floated

OXFORD, England — The United Nations Security Council should be expanded to include Germany, Japan and developing nations such as Brazil and India as permanent members, French President Jacques Chirac said Friday.

Speaking to about 200 students and faculty at Oxford University, Chirac laid out his vision of a "multipolar" world, balance between various powers and alliances rather than dominated by the United States. Speaking during a two-day visit to the university designed to heal the two countries' rift over Iraq, Chirac said his view of the world was shared by Prime Minister Tony Blair.

From The Associated Press

Diplomats: Iran nuclear program busy

Sources say nation stockpiling weapons ingredient ahead of shutdown

BY GEORGE JAHN

The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Iran is using the last few days before it must stop all uranium enrichment to produce significant quantities of a key ingredient to make nuclear weapons, diplomats said Friday.

Iran recently started producing uranium hexafluoride at its gas processing facilities in Isfahan, the diplomats told The Associated Press. When introduced into centrifuges and spun, the substance can be enriched into weapons-grade uranium that forms the core of nuclear warheads.

Iran last week agreed to suspend uranium enrichment and all related activities in a deal worked out with Britain, France, Germany and the European Union. The deal, which takes effect Monday, prohibits Iran from all uranium gas processing activities.

But the diplomats, who spoke on condition

of anonymity, said Tehran was exploiting the window until Monday to produce uranium hexafluoride at its Isfahan plant in central Iran.

Asked about quantities, one diplomat said "it's not little," but he declined to elaborate.

Iran has huge reserves of raw uranium and has announced plans to extract more than 40 tons a year.

That amount, converted to uranium hexafluoride and repeatedly spun in centrifuges, theoretically could yield more than 200 pounds of weapons-grade highly enriched uranium, enough for about five crude nuclear weapons.

Iranian officials say the Isfahan plant can convert more than 300 tons of uranium ore a year.

Iran is not prohibited from making uranium hexafluoride until the deal takes force. But its decision to carry out uranium processing right up to the freeze deadline was expected to disappoint the Europeans — and give

the United States ammunition in its push to have the U.N. Security Council examine Tehran's nuclear activities.

Washington says Iran wants to enrich uranium to make weapons. Tehran says it is interested only in low-grade enriched uranium for nuclear power.

Iran announced suspension of enrichment last week, and the agency said it would police that commitment starting next week, ahead of the Nov. 25 IAEA board meeting.

Although the deal commits Iran to suspension only while a comprehensive aid agreement with the EU is finalized, the pledge reduced Washington's hopes of having the board of the International Atomic Energy Agency refer Iran to the Security Council when the board meets Thursday.

By opting to freeze — and not scrap — the program, Tehran has not dropped plans to run 50,000 centrifuges to enrich uranium for what it says will be the fuel requirements of a nuclear reactor to be finished next year.

Palestinians vow full details of Arafat death

BY LARA SUKHIAN

The Associated Press

PARIS — The Palestinian prime minister promised Friday to make public the cause of Yasser Arafat's death, as Palestinian leaders dispatched an emissary to Paris to pick up his medical records.

It was unclear when Nasser al-Kidwa, Arafat's nephew and also the Palestinian representative to the United Nations, would arrive in Paris. But he confirmed to The Associated Press that he would be traveling to France.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia told the AP there was no doubt that Arafat's medical records — which French officials have refused to release publicly — would come to light.

"When we get this report, we will study it and hear the opinions of the doctors," Qureia said by telephone, "and then we will inform

the Palestinian people with all the details about the health situation of President Arafat and what led to his death."

French Foreign and Defense Minister officials said Friday they had no information about the al-Kidwa's trip.

But in Ramallah, Palestinian Cabinet secretary Hassan Abu Libdeh had said Thursday that al-Kidwa was coming here to obtain medical records from Arafat's two-week stay in a Paris hospital where he died Nov. 11.

"We will get the report and the Palestinian Authority will take the necessary decisions, including informing the Palestinian people about the full details of the report," he said.

Officials here insist that French law prevents them from making Arafat's medical records public — but they can give them to family members, who can then reveal in-



Yasser Arafat

formation if they wish.

French officials have refused to make public the cause of death, opening the way for widespread rumors in the Arab world that Arafat was poisoned, despite official denials.

Associated Press Writer Danica Kirka in Jerusalem contributed to this report.

Berlusconi hints at possible resignation

The Associated Press

ROME — Premier Silvio Berlusconi indicated Friday he might resign if his coalition partners don't fully back him in Parliament on income tax cuts, Italian news agencies reported.

It was the first suggestion by Berlusconi that he might not serve his full five-year term. Elected in 2001, Berlusconi is at the helm of postwar Italy's longest-serving government.

The push through billions of dollars worth of income tax cuts, but he so far has failed to win united backing from within his conservative coalition. Allies have disagreed on how to achieve the tax breaks.

Asked what consequences there would be if the cuts were not passed, Berlusconi said, "As far as Forza Italia is concerned, there would certainly be a call for new elections," according to the ANSA and Apcom news agencies. Forza Italia is Berlusconi's party and the largest one in the ruling coalition.

If Berlusconi were to hand in his resignation, it would be up to the Italian president to decide whether to accept it and call new elections or ask him or some other political leader to try to form a fresh coalition.

Promises for tax cuts were a centerpiece of Berlusconi's electoral platform in 2001. The next elections are scheduled for 2006.

Berlusconi, who was speaking during a state visit to Bratislava, Slovakia, also reportedly said that in the event of new elections, he would not seek support from any current allies who do not see a need for the tax cuts.

Changes to Radio Free Europe criticized

BY WILLIAM J. KOLE

The Associated Press

PRAGUE, Czech Republic — Ronald Reagan used to be reached out to by Soviet radio. The Cold War. Lech Walesa, the leader of Poland's Solidarity movement, likened it to the sun lighting the Earth. Rock band R.E.M. immortalized it in a cynical hit song.

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty is trying to win new listeners in Russia with a controversial overhaul that former dissidents and other critics contend will compromise its reputation and influence as a beacon of democracy.

"We're becoming just another bunch of blah-blah-blah on the air," Lev Rottman, a senior com-

mentator for the private U.S.-funded station, said Thursday. "They must be idiots to do something like this at this critical time in Russia."

Officials at RFE/RL's football field-sized newsroom, housed in Prague's communist-era parliament building say they simply want to modernize the programming and expand its reach.

The station's primary target is unaided, employed, university-educated Russians ages 35 and up. Key changes include more call-in shows, a Web site overhaul to appeal to the 18-plus crowd, and a shift from longer evening programs on human rights and other issues to shorter, snappier spots aired throughout the day.

Nenad Pejic, RFE/RL's associ-

ate director of broadcasting, insists that Russian-language news and programs on human rights will remain a priority and that only the format — not the content — will change.

"It's about our survival, not our mission," he said. "Listeners in Moscow tell us our programming is a little old-fashioned, that we still sound like a dissident radio. We're just rebranding. We want to be a local radio with a global perspective."

But the proposed overhaul, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, also includes plans to cut staff and "move the center of gravity to Moscow" by dropping on-air references to Prague to give the impression that RFE/RL is a local Russian station rather than an outsider.



Andre 3000 of Outkast, left, and Antwan Patton perform during the MTV Europe Music Awards in Rome on Thursday.

OutKast tops MTV Europe Awards

BY AIDAN LEWIS
The Associated Press

ROME — OutKast topped the winners list Thursday at the MTV Europe Music Awards, picking up three prizes, including best group.

The hip-hop stars from Atlanta also won best song and best video for their single "Hey Ya!"

"I hope you don't get tired of us. We only do what we do," said OutKast's Andre 3000, while thanking the crowd of around 6,000 at Rome's Tor di Valle hippodrome.

American artists dominated the awards, with R&B star Usher adding two further prizes — best album for "Confessions" and best male — to his long list of successes this year.

The ceremony saw live performances from a long list of stars, from rapper Eminem to Scottish rockers Franz Ferdinand.

Rapper Xzibit, who played host, was rolled onto the stage on a chariot by aides dressed in black leather gladiator costumes in front of a row of pseudo Roman columns.

The show kicked off with Eminem's "Just Lose It," a song that has sparked controversy because of a video with references to Michael Jackson's child molestation allegations.

The track is from Eminem's new solo album "Encore," which debuted at the top of the U.S. charts this week.

The Detroit rapper appeared against a backdrop of a camouflaged tank, drummer boys, and children dressed as soldiers. He later won the award for best hip-hop song with co-members of the group D-12.

Usher sang a duet with fellow R&B star and friend Alicia Keys, who won best R&B.

The most original performance came from Gwen Stefani, who was lowered under a giant red clock onto the stage, where she danced on top of a table at a set of

the Mad Hatter's tea party while wearing an Alice in Wonderland costume.

Other live performers included Swedish punk band The Hives and L.A. rockers Maroon 5, who won the award for best new act. Black Eyed Peas won best pop and Britney Spears best female.

Hip-hop icon Nelly appeared flanked by four dancing girls clad in bejeweled bikinis and feathered headresses, while veteran New York rappers The Beastie Boys rode stage on bicycles and a skateboard.

Xzibit said that the event was broadcast to a potential worldwide audience of some 1 billion people in 156 countries.

"That includes at least 16 countries that George Bush isn't planning on invading," he quipped.

More than 12 million people had cast votes for the awards, Xzibit said.

As a warm-up to the main show, a free concert was staged in front of the Colosseum featuring pop superstar Anastacia and British icons The Cure, among others.

With thousands of fans arriving, the area around the Roman Forum was closed off to traffic, with subway stops closed and bus lines diverted.

Organizers estimated that some 200,000 attended the concert, while police put the figure at 40,000, news agency ANSA reported.

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Soldiers' deaths uncover secret Belgrade tunnel

The Associated Press

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro — A probe into the mysterious shooting of two soldiers has revealed the existence beneath the Serbian capital of a secret communist-era network of tunnels and bunkers that could have served as recent hideouts for some of the world's most-wanted war crimes suspects.

The 2-square-mile complex was built deep inside a rocky hill in a residential area of Belgrade in the 1960s on the orders of communist strongman Josip Broz Tito. Until recently, its existence was known only to senior military commanders and politicians.

The secret was revealed during an investigation this month into the deaths of two soldiers who were guarding an entrance

to the complex. Both were found fatally shot.

Official explanations of the Oct. 5 incident have failed to satisfy the soldiers' families or a skeptical media, sparking speculation that fugitive Bosnian officers wanted by the United Nations for atrocities during the 1990s Balkans wars may have sought refuge in the complex.

The army initially said the two soldiers shot each other, then backtracked and reported that one had murdered the other before committing suicide. An independent commission is now investigating.

Former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic is believed to have convened his war Cabinet there in 1999 while NATO bombs fell on his country for 78 days to punish him for cracking down on independence-seeking ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

UN agency: Locusts could swarm the Middle East

ROME — A U.N. agency warned Friday that locust swarms could arrive in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, Saudi Arabia and Sudan, but not in massive waves.

The locust swarms originated in West Africa and traveled over Libya to Egypt. They appeared in Cairo earlier this week, and by Thursday the swarm had moved east along the Sinai Peninsula, about 30 miles from the Israeli border.

Locusts are present every year in Africa, but this year's swarms are especially large due to prolonged periods of heavy rainfall.

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Diamonds not forever

CT MILLFORD — Is the wedding still on? That's one of the unanswered questions in the case of a man who police say staged a break-in at his own home so he could sell his fiancée's engagement ring.

George Rich, 43, was charged Tuesday with falsely reporting an incident and providing a false statement. He was released on a written promise to appear in Superior Court on Dec. 7.

Police said Rich made the couple's home look like a burglar had broken in and stolen jewelry, including the gold engagement ring with diamonds. Court documents show Rich pawned the items for \$5,000 at the Hock It To Me shop.

Pets and profits

TX HOUSTON — Houston's animal shelter, which put 94 percent of its animals to death last year, has rejected an outside group's offer to help find homes for its dogs and cats.

The city's Bureau of Animal Regulation and Care rejected the offer by Spay-Neuter Assistance Program because the adoptions would not be profitable.

John Nix, division manager of the city shelter, said the \$25 sterilization fee, a \$7.50 heartworm test and other costs might exceed the \$35 the city charges residents who adopt animals.

The Spay-Neuter Assistance Program also said it would lend its track to volunteers to take up to 30 animals to malls on Saturdays. However, Nix said the city shelter can't afford to pay SNAP for the service.

Pounding out message

UT PROVO — Ben Cook's fingers can communicate at warp speed. Cook, 17, used his cellular phone key pads to type a string of words with 160 characters in 57.75 seconds Tuesday, bidding to become the world's text-messaging king.

The message was "The razor-toothed piranhas of the genera Serrasalmus and Pygocentrus are the most ferocious freshwater fish in the world. In reality, they seldom attack a human."

Guinness lists the previous record typing the same words at 67 seconds.

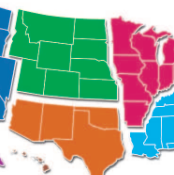
Still smoking

IA DES MOINES — Iowa ranks in the middle of states with the number of adults who smoke, according to a government survey.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says Iowa ranked 24th in the USA with 21.7 percent of adults reporting they smoked. Nationally, 22.1 percent of adults smoke. Although the 2003 figures showed a reduction in the number of men who smoke, CDC officials say the numbers aren't different enough to declare a definite trend.

Condors multiply

OR PORTLAND — The 12 endangered California condors at the Oregon Zoo have learned to multiply since arriving here a year ago this week. One pair has produced two healthy chicks. Already, adult males are beginning to court the females,



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

signaling the start of another breeding season. Their numbers had dipped to just 22 known birds by 1982. A captive breeding program started in 1987 as a last-ditch method to help condors survive.

Accidental drowning

NH CONCORD — The St. Paul's School student who drowned in 4 feet of water in the school's newly opened pool may have been trying to see how long he could hold his breath and swim underwater, police said.

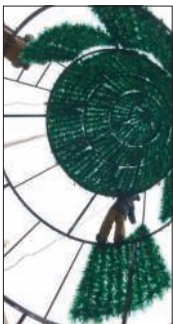
Autopsy results released Tuesday show Clifford R. Nyquist, 15, died from "complications of near drowning." The autopsy eliminated any underlying medical condition, such as a heart attack, aneurysm or blow to the head, Concord Police Lt. Walter Carroll said. It confirms the 15-year-old's death on Nov. 7 was accidental.

Much bigger payout

FL TAMPA — After being "lost" for 60 years in the vaults of Florida's Ringling Museum of Art, an 1887 oil painting sold at a Sotheby's auction in New York for \$1.2 million.

That's a million more than its value had been estimated.

The bidding for the oil-on-canvas "L'Enfant Malade," by Venezuelan artist Arturo Michelena, was won by an anonymous buyer, a Sotheby's spokesman said.



Trimming the tree

Johnny White, bottom, and Josh Richert, top left, of the Pontiac, Mich., grounds maintenance department, work on the frame of the city's 45-foot-tall holiday tree outside City Hall.

Tuesday.

Pre-sale estimates valued the painting at \$150,000-\$200,000, but it sold for \$1,352,000. That's \$1,202,000 for the painting itself, plus \$150,000 for Sotheby's premium. Owen Burns bought the painting from Caroline Astor's collection during a famous sale in New York in 1926, but Burns' family lost track of it after his death.

Car tax repealed

IL KANKAKEE — The City Council decided it no longer needed the \$370,000 generated by the city's \$35 annual vehicle tax and voted unanimously to repeal it. The tax took the form of stickers required for residents' vehicles. The mayor sought the repeal after comparing current expenses and revenue with past audits and budgets and finding city sales tax revenue had been growing.

'Leaf rage' strikes

CT STAMFORD — When city employees refused to haul away his raked leaves, Michael Peters blew up. And his meltdown got him arrested for what police describe as "leaf rage."

Peters, 67, of North Stamford, was charged with breach of peace, a misdemeanor, after accusing municipal workers who told him they collected leaves only on the street and not those on a right of way, where his were stacked.

"He grabbed my jacket and said, 'You're not going anywhere,'" operations Supervisor Robert Gerbert said of Peters.

Peters admitted he lost his cool, frustrated by more than three decades of being ignored by the town at leaf time.

Crash landing

CO LYONS — A 17-year-old flying student taking his first lesson crash-landed a single-engine plane, authorities said.

Neither Benjamin Dotterweich nor his instructor, Ross Stutliff, was injured in the crash, said Laura McConnell, of the Lyons Fire Protection District. The two used a cell phone to help lead a rescue team to their location, McConnell said. Both were able to walk out of the rocky terrain on their own, she said.

IRS agent impersonator

CA OAKLAND — A judge sentenced an Oakland woman to five months in prison for impersonating an Internal Revenue Service agent and cheating someone out of \$9,300 under the guise of handling a tax audit.

U.S. District Judge Claudia Wilken also ordered Christine Mele Felise, 45, to serve five months of home detention while under electronic monitoring. Felise pleaded guilty June 21 to three counts of impersonating a government official.

She claimed to be an IRS auditor and falsely claimed to be a woman that the tax agency had assessed her \$16,762 in federal and state income taxes, authorities said. In September, Felise received more than \$9,000 from the woman to cover the taxes supposedly owed, authorities said.



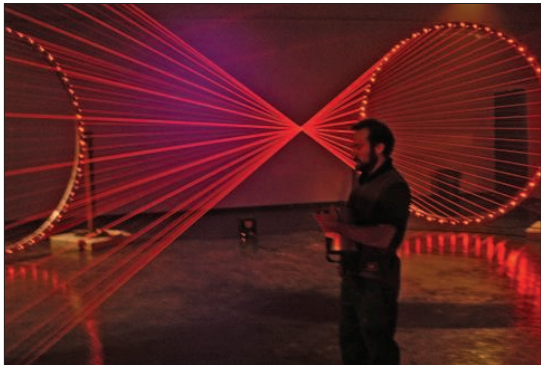
Elkanah Linder, left, and Abby Booth, both 7, hang from a tree in Townsend, Vt., while playing after school.



lcy damage Allstate Insurance agent Ed Randolph, left, and Kim Davidson inspect the damage on a Ford Explorer that slid off an icy road and crashed into the back yard of Davidson's house in Kodiak, Ak.



Outta my way! A motorist comes to a complete stop on Route 88 in Wheeling, W.Va., as a deer crosses the road.



Laser show At the University of Florida, Matt Schreiber, an artist from Miami, reads his laser-based artwork, "The Force," in the University Gallery in Gainesville, Fla.



Praising the roof

Tom Hopkins works on a new roof at First Presbyterian Church in Davenport, IA.



Tasty treat Kojo, a baby great ape, feeds on a pumpkin during the annual pumpkin squash at the National Zoo in Washington, D.C.



Sunset surf From left, Jennifer Berk, Alex Kasa and Misha Hanna Betsh head for the surf at sunset in Del Mar, Calif.

Trying to save libraries

CA SALINAS — The City Council in John Steinbeck's hometown is making a last-ditch effort to save at least one of its three public libraries. All are set to close by summer because voters rejected two tax measures.

The council voted to form a library committee and postpone further cuts to the 2005-06 budget until mid-December to allow time to explore other means of fund-raising.

Drivers to get E-Z Pass

ME PORTLAND — The Maine Turnpike will convert on Feb. 1 from Transpass to E-Z Pass, the electronic toll collection system used along much of the eastern seaboard.

Under the change, Maine motorists will be able to breeze through toll plazas in Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia.

Drivers from those states will be able to do the same in Maine, helping to reduce congestion, particularly in summer when traffic is at its peak.

More than 80,000 Transpass users in Maine will be sent firms this week to enroll in the new system.

Snow warnings

MN ST. PAUL — St. Paul says it will notify residents by telephone when there's a snow emergency so they can get their cars off the street. Public Works officials say the phone notification will save money, since the city can plow streets quicker, better and a lot cheaper if the streets have no cars. The city is contracting with a firm that uses commercially available telephone lists will reach an estimated 85 percent of city residences. The public can add unlisted numbers or cell phone numbers to the database by following instructions on the city's Web site.

Cruel punishment

VA FREDERICKSBURG — A woman who forced her son to rake leaves in the nude as punishment for misbehaving in school has pleaded guilty to a child cruelty charge.

However, the 47-year-old mother might avoid a felony record. Under an agreement worked out by the prosecution and defense, Fredericksburg Circuit Court Judge John W. Scott Jr. on Monday deferred the case to March 3.

At that time, Scott could impose the guilty plea, find the woman guilty of a lesser charge or continue the case to another date.

Defense attorney Beverly Haney said the woman has no criminal record and does not deserve a felony conviction.

Help for home buyers

AZ TUCSON — The Pima County supervisors approved a plan to create a trust fund to help low-income home buyers.

The fund will be financed largely by local home builders. Contributions to the fund won't be required but will be encouraged when builders seek rezon-

ing or plan approvals for developments.

Indians want bigger role

MT HELENA — Tribal leaders are encouraging Gov.-elect Brian Schweitzer to give American Indians greater roles in state government. His office comes under Democratic control for the first time in 16 years.

Some want the job of Indian affairs coordinator elevated to a Cabinet position. Other tribal leaders propose a new Department of Indian Affairs.

Man cashes in pennies

OH LYNDHURST — If a penny saved is a penny earned, then Eugene Sukie earned \$10,480.13 in his three-plus decades of thriftiness.

Over the years, Eugene Sukie, a retired glass plant supervisor, rolled the pennies in wrappers and stored them in 575 cigar boxes organized by year and mint. He had them counted — by a machine, of course.

The pennies, over one million of them and weighing 3½ tons, were trucked from Sukie's home in Barborton to a coins-to-cash machine at a suburban Cleveland supermarket.

Sukie, 78, was worried that he and his wife were getting old and eventually wouldn't be able to get the pennies out of their basement.

Constar Inc., of Bellevue, Wash., which operates coin-counting machines, charged Sukie an 8.9 percent service charge, or \$932.73, but paid him \$1,500 for the time to tell his story.

Food fight suspension

TN MEMPHIS — A cafeteria food fight on "meat loaf day" led to the suspension of the entire eighth-grade class at a Memphis school.

The students were suspended after refusing to clean up the mess they caused.

The food fight broke out at Geeter Middle School, which has 637 students in grades six through eight. Meat loaf and chicken were on the menu.

Principal Jada Meeks suspended students who were in the cafeteria during the fight, meaning the youngsters' parents must meet with school officials before the children can return to class.

More than just news

OH CLEVELAND — A television news anchor appeared on the air nude in a first-person report about an artist's photographs, drawing a record number of viewers for the time slot, the station said.

Sharon Reed was one of hundreds of people who participated in a Spencer Tunick's nude photo installation in Cleveland in June. Her report, shown on the 11 p.m. newscast on WOIO-TV, showed far away angles of her nude and some closer semineude shots, as well as other participants.

The station aired advisories before the piece, and FCC spokeswoman Janice Wise on Wednesday said WOIO followed commission rules that prohibit indecent material from being aired on broadcast television from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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9:00	Jackie Chan Adventures	7:00 "Mr. Holland's Opus"	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	Access Hollywood	Nightline	NASCAR Sprint Craftsman Truck Series - Ford 200, From Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla. (Taped)	Clean House	Access Hollywood
9:30	Kim Possible "Go Team Go"	(20) Movie *** "Return of the Jedi" (1983) Rick Baker	Drake & Josh "Dune Buggy"	Liz McQuinn	Nightly Business Report		BBQ With Bobby Flay	Headline News
10:00	Tenacious D	10:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turt. and his comrades take a final confrontation.	Switched "Jag and Jeff"	Headline News	Harbord with Chris Matthews		ESPN	Headline News
11:00	Dragonball GT	11:00 Dragonball GT	Focus on the Force	George Lopez	Dateline NBC		Fashion Police	According to Jim
11:30	X-Men: Evolution	11:30 X-Men: Evolution	American Adventurer	Laila & Hal		SportsCenter	It's Good to Be Madonna	Half & Half
12:00	Ten Kids News (E)	Movie *** "Armageddon" (1998) Action Bruce Willis, Bob Thornton, Liv Ullmann. 20 officers must destroy an airborne asteroid	Access Hollywood	CSI: Miami "Blood Moon"	The O'Reilly Factor		101 Most Unforgettable SNL Moments	CSI: Miami "Blood Moon"
12:30	Tales from the Crypt	12:30 Tales from the Crypt	WWE Raw	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Ritual"	CNN Saturday Morning		Inside the NFL	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Ritual"
13:00	Endurance "Chernobyl"	13:00 Endurance "Chernobyl"	According to Jim	Headline News	20/20		ATP Tennis Tennis Masters Cup - Day 5, From Houston. (Taped)	Antiques Roadshow "Horseshoes, Aces and Diamonds"
13:30	Scout's Safari (E)	13:30 Scout's Safari (E)	CSI: Miami "Blood Moon"	Saturday Night Live	Today		Star Trek: Voyager "Heroes and Demons"	Headline News
14:00	Animal Kingdom	2:45 Movie *** "Thunderheart" (1992, Drama) Willem Dafoe, Kevin Costner. An agent's heritage is integral to a murder investigation.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Ritual"	Kickin' It Latest in music and trends.		College Gameday	Ripley's Believe It or Not	Kickin' It Latest in music and trends.
14:30	Most Extreme Lovers Making in the animal world.	14:30 Most Extreme Lovers Making in the animal world.	Headline News	The Entertainers	Wall Street Journal Report		Fear Factor	The Entertainers
15:00	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys "The Gauntlet"	15:00 Hercules: The Legendary Journeys "The Gauntlet"	Ray/Marine Corps News	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)	America's Book Forum		What Not to Wear "Nye" Nye shows off too much skin.	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)
16:00	Kashfi Real Monsters	Movie *** "Father of the Bride Part II" (1995, Comedy) Steve Martin, Diane Keaton, Martin Short.	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)	College Football Today	20/20		Trading Spaces	College Football Today
16:30	SpongeBob SquarePants	16:30 SpongeBob SquarePants	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)	College Football Today	20/20		Crossing Jordan "Dead in the Water"	College Football Today
17:00	Rugrats	17:00 Rugrats	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)	College Football Today	20/20		1400-Missile Broke and Eric's relationship progresses.	College Football Today
18:00	Movie *** "Quints" (2000, Comedy) Kimberly J. Brown, Don Knotts, Dan Riedick.	Movie *** "The Mexican" (2001, Adventure) Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts. A mob lackey goes to Mexico to retrieve a priceless antique.	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)	College Football Today	20/20		Sanford "The Wait Out"	College Football Today
19:00	Movie *** "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids" (1989, Fantasy) Rick Moranis, Matt Frewer.	Movie *** "The Rock" (1996) Sean Connery, Ed Harris.	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)	College Football Today	20/20		The Real World	College Football Today
20:00	My So-Called Life "Pressure"	20:00 My So-Called Life "Pressure"	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)	College Football Today	20/20		Punk'd	College Football Today
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00:00	Futurama	11:00 Movie *** "The Rock" (1996, Adventure) Sean Connery, Nicolas Cage.	ESPN	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)	Headline News	College Football	Mad TV	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)
01:00	Movie *** "Quints" (2000, Comedy) Kimberly J. Brown, Don Knotts, Dan Riedick.	1:00 Movie *** "The Water-gate" (1998, Comedy) Adam Carolla, Kathy Bates.	Saturday Night Live	Headline News	The Capital Gang	NASCAR Racing Busch Series - Ford 300, From Homestead-Miami Speedway in Homestead, Fla. (Taped)	Trading Spaces	Headline News
1:30	Movie *** "Honey, I Shrunk the Kids" (1989, Fantasy) Rick Moranis, Matt Frewer.	Movie *** "The Mexican" (2001, Adventure) Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts. A mob lackey goes to Mexico to retrieve a priceless antique.	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)	Washington Week in Review		Crossing Jordan "Dead in the Water"	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)
2:00	My So-Called Life "Pressure"	2:00 My So-Called Life "Pressure"	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)	People in the News		1400-Missile Broke and Eric's relationship progresses.	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)
2:30	The Simpsons	2:30 The Simpsons	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)	CNN Saturday Night		Friends	College Football Teams to Be Announced (Live)
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Jason Ritter, a product of a family of actors, now stars in the drama series "Joan of Arcadia." Not only has this 24-year-old entered the realm of television but he also starred in his first feature film, "Raise Your Voice."

Actress should enter real estate business

Local authorities have approved construction of 42 new houses next to a luxury home owned by Catherine Zeta-Jones.

The movie star and her husband, actor Michael Douglas, hadn't opposed construction of the houses on a former trailer park site in Mumbles, the seaside suburb of Swansea, Wales, where Zeta-Jones grew up.

Some residents had objected to the project, claiming it would eat into open countryside and generate too much traffic. But planners on the Swansea council voted to allow developer Taylor Woodrow to go ahead with construction.

Some have speculated the three- and four-bedroom homes will fetch top prices because of the proximity to the famous couple, who also have homes in Los Angeles, Bermuda, Majorca, Manhattan and Aspen, Colo.

Cartoonist to receive award

"Doonesbury" creator Gary Trudeau will receive the Freedom of Speech Award from the U.S. Comedy Arts Festival in February.

Comedian Jim Carrey, director Christopher Guest and the writers of The Harvard Lampoon also will be honored at the festival, scheduled for Feb. 9-13, it was announced.

The Freedom of Speech Award acknowledges artists



Zeta-Jones

Young actor follows in father's footsteps

The late John Ritter's son steps out of the shadows and into Hollywood

BY DAVE MASON
Ventura County Star

LOS ANGELES — Outside where it was at least 90 degrees, a grandstand full of kids from Boys & Girls Clubs kept cheering.

Jason Ritter, a regular on CBS' "Joan of Arcadia" and a co-star with Hilary Duff in the movie "Raise Your Voice," had just been out there, taking part in a game of giant pin bowling at Nickelodeon's Worldwide Day of Play event. Other stars had just finished playing volleyball — while wearing boxing gloves.

As the games aired live for the cable network's East Coast feed, Ritter took a break in the action to talk about the film and Duff, who was hosting the Nickelodeon event.

"People should see it," Ritter said. "It's about fulfilling your dream in a very realistic way."

Ritter, 24, the son of actress Nancy Morgan and the late John Ritter, said success for Duff's character doesn't come magically, but she succeeds through perseverance.

In some ways, the character's career mirrors that of Duff, who became a star on Disney Channel's "Lizzie McGuire" and went on to become a musical success.

"I think there are some aspects of her life in it, she's a young girl with a great voice fulfilling her dream," Ritter said.

He plays Paul, the brother of Duff's character, who encourages her to attend a music school and pursue her dream of a career.

"Every person who has talent needs someone who believes in them," Ritter said.

In Ritter's case, he got that support from his parents. He said he was happy his father got nominated for an Emmy for "8 Simple Rules." But he acknowledged relief that the award for lead actor in a comedy series wound up going to "Frasier" star Kelsey Grammer.

"It would have been a nice, great moment, but it would

who speak out on social issues despite challenges.

"Gary's work is more relevant than ever, even though it's been around for more than 20 years," said festival director Craig Minnassian. "He's taken a stand with his art. It's a nice generational look at the comic strip."

The festival also will examine "comic book culture" through channels such as the online literary journal McSweeney's and reality TV shows.

"Even if reality TV was a fad, it opened the door to saying that content can come from anywhere," Minnassian said.

"That's sort of comedy content coming from independent films, graphic novels and cartoons. I just don't think there's any place you can't afford to look," he said.

Not too good for television

Glen Close says her first role as a regular on a TV show "will be kind of a great adventure" — including the commute to Hollywood.

Close, who lives in Westchester County, N.Y., and has a teenage daughter, said that playing a police captain in FX's "The Shield" was "the last thing I thought I'd be doing, but they were very persuasive. Other than the fact that I have to commute back and forth, I'm looking forward to it."

"This will be an unusual balance, and I think there's going to be some about scheduling me so I can have a regular chunk of time at home," said the actress, best known for movies

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Jason Ritter
Actor

have made something that's very private [his father's sudden death] that much more public," Ritter said. "I think it was enough, what Kelsey said as he acknowledged him [during the acceptance speech]."

Dressed in a tux and baseball cap, Ritter attended the Emmys in support of his father and his Emmy-nominated CBS series. It was the young Ritter's first time at the awards.

Ritter said he likes the current story line on "Joan of Arcadia," in which the family of the drunken driver in the accident that paralyzed Ritter's character, Kevin Girardi, uses the Girardi family.

The driver's family contends that the sober Kevin could see that he was drunk and should have taken the car keys from him. Kevin was a passenger.

Responsibility has become an interesting aspect of the law, Ritter said.

"A burglar can sue someone if he breaks into their home and a skylight falls on

his head," he said. "It's human to blame each other, but we have to take responsibility for our actions."

He added: "My parents always told me that no matter where you are, don't get into a car with a drunk driver. They said, 'Call us [for a ride]. You won't get into trouble.'"

Ritter and friend Billy Aaron Brown, who has guest-starred on "8 Simple Rules" are promoting a gala raising funds for the Huntington's Disease Society of America, a nonprofit group that helps people affected by the disease that causes degeneration of brain cells.

"[Brown's] family and my girlfriend's family have suffered from Huntington's disease," said Ritter, whose girlfriend is Scottish-born actress Marianna Palka, 23.

When he isn't acting, Ritter indulges in a hobby not too far from his line of work: "One of my friends and I will get a digital camera and make a movie," he said. "We had a movie about a man in search of his beard."

such as "Fatal Attraction" and "The Big Chill."

Filmmaker's legal battles continue

A lawyer for Roman Polanski said the filmmaker was being denied justice because he isn't allowed to sue a magazine for defamation in a British court while remaining in France.

The Polish-born director, who has lived in France since fleeing child sex charges in the United States in 1978, is seeking to sue Vanity Fair over a 2002 article that accused him of seducing a woman while on the way to the funeral of his wife Sharon Tate, who was brutally murdered by Charles Manson's followers in Los Angeles in 1969.

Polanski, 71, wants to testify by video link because he fears being deported to the United States, with which Britain has an extradition treaty.

Last year, a lower court judge ruled Polanski could give evidence by video link. But still, he was barred by Vanity Fair publisher Conde Nast, the Court of Appeal said he had to appear in person, ruling that justice "is just a Eurostar journey away."

Polanski's lawyer, Richard Spearman, told the House of Lords, Britain's highest court of appeal, that the courts were preventing Polanski from suing for defamation because he was a fugitive from U.S. justice.

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Polanski

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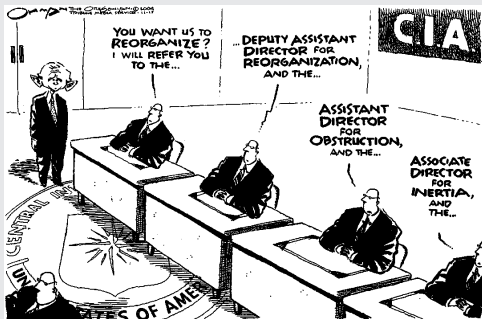
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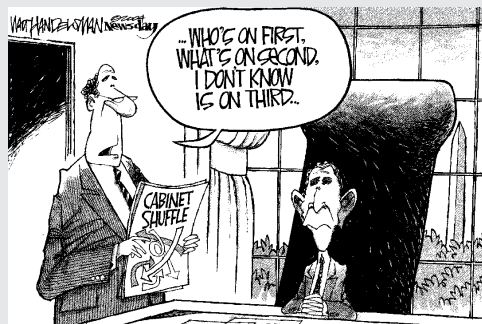
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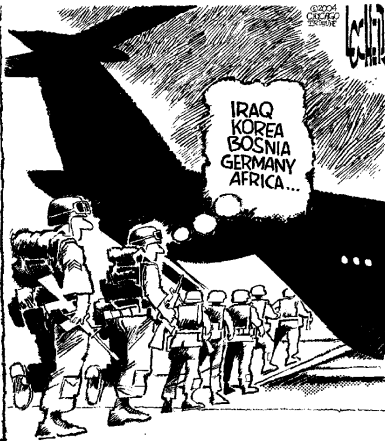
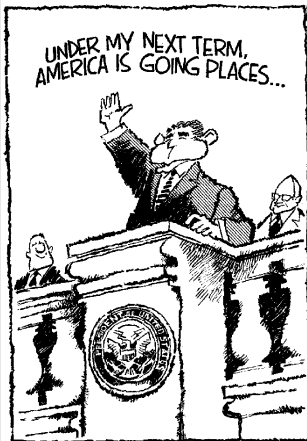
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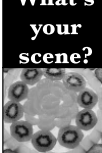
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Horoscope

This is the last full day of the sun in Scorpio, as tomorrow ushers in a fiery Sagittarius solar influence. The Pleiades moon persuades us to contemplate what we've taken from the past few weeks. Probably, it will be difficult to articulate the exact lessons, but it's enough to know that awareness has been heightened and we're not the same.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(November 20.) It's romance galore this year! You're creating magic between you and people you're attracted to. The holiday season features a choice — you could break a heart, if you're not careful! A relationship with someone younger helps finances. Keep up on your socks, and you'll be soaking away cash for travel and upgrades in April.

ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You can be extraordinarily candid — a quality that will make you both popular and controversial. Nobody needs to ask, "Where's the party?" They can clearly see that the party is where you are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You'll be challenged when social contact is not what you expected. You're a sympathetic listener, but with extremely needy and complex people, you struggle to find a foothold. Ultimately, your compassion carries you through.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You practically buzz with the urge to throw a nervous tantrum, but you can channel the energy usefully into an off-the-wall project. You're particularly lucky when you use a new medium to express yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

You're sensitive enough to pick up on the emotional nuances of a situation but tart enough to wise-crack about it. Why must everyone be so touchy? At least someone will think you're funny.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).

If this day were a color, it would be electric pink. Events are altogether sweet and unnatural. Someone you counted among the lost souls will show

up. You've a choice about how deeply you want to engage this person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

Someone with a seemingly inexhaustible supply of enthusiasm could get on your nerves. What good is raw energy unless it's focused toward a productive end? Well, that's where you come in. Step right up, and take over.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Relationships are in transition. If you let things get romantic, they will. The only thing stopping the flow of tender emotions is your resistance to them. Figure out what it will take for you to trust and open up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

You're demure and giggly — so unlike you, but it's fun to try a different approach. Such experimentation could land you in a new location. It's eye opening to see where people around you are from and how they live.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Mischief is exchanged in the spirit of friendliness and good manners. Beware of the word "try." People who say they will, won't. Be willing to make a commitment either way instead of "trying."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

You remain objective and not too serious. So it's hard to relate to people who won't admit what they don't want to admit — even if you have videotaped proof. Continue to model warmth and forgiveness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

You're in the mood for a little unabashed consumerism. The rush that comes from purchasing a kind of wonder product or hope-in-a-bottle is a guilty pleasure! Appreciate those who tolerate your eccentricities.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

What a jewel you are! Your hours are dedicated to personal betterment and feeling swell. You're somewhat of a domestic super-hero, too. You have the skill to handle now what would potentially be hazardous later.

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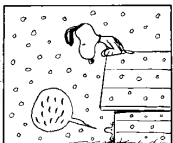
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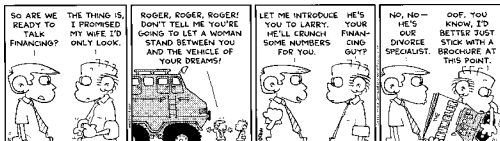
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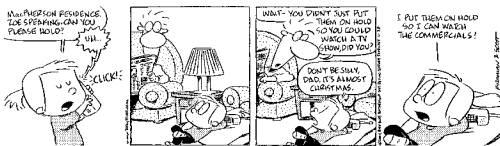
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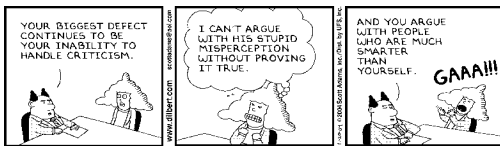
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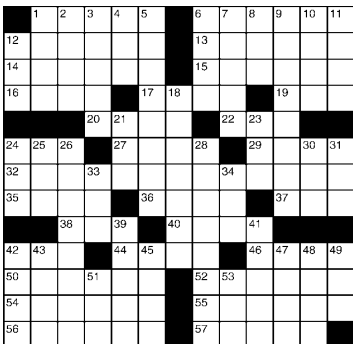
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- 16 "I — Little Prayer"
- 17 Black, in verse
- 19 Mag. staffers
- 20 Art's art
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- 24 Filch
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Young girls: Use caution on Web

Dear Abby: I am deeply in love with a man who is handsome, smart and loving. We are engaged and happy together. The problem? We met on the Internet.

Abby, he thinks I am 26, but I'm not. Everything I've said to him has been a lie. I am really 12. I have tried to tell him the truth, but he doesn't believe me or thinks I'm joking. I try to break up with him, but we both can't say goodbye forever. I am 100 percent sure it's love.

He is planning to visit me in January. He says we will get married and have a nice future together. No one knows about this, so I need your help. What do I do now? How do I let go?

—Lost in Love in Las Vegas

Dear Lost in Love: You have been lying on the Internet.

What makes you think that he hasn't been lying, too? Has it occurred to you that this man

who "won't let go" could be a child molester in his 40s or 50s? What do you plan to do when he shows up? If you become further involved, he could be arrested! For your safety, I urge you to tell your parents what has been going on. You have gotten your

self in over your head, and you may need more adult intervention than this columnist to get you out of the pit you have dug for yourself. Please talk to your parents. TODAY!

Dear Abby: I have a 14-year-old son, "Adam," whose parental grandmother.

"Bryna," is making life difficult for him. He has acne, for which he's seeing a dermatologist. He also needs braces, and I'm working on that as well.

When Adam goes to visit Grandma Bryna, he gets put-down after put-down. She "comments" about his acne and

also his teeth.

I am no longer married to her son (he's deceased), and while we were married, we all got pretty much the same treatment. I don't want to sever ties with Bryna, as Adam still wants that connection with his dad. My daughter, who is older, refuses to have anything more to do with her.

When Bryna says these things to my son, she instructs him to say anything about it to me. I don't want her to accuse him of ratting her out. I am ready to tell her not to contact us again. Should I take such a drastic step and cut off all ties with her?

—Frustrated in California

Dear Frustrated: Why not? The woman is spreading poison.

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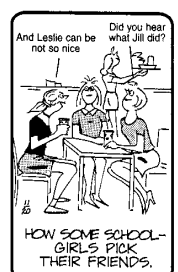
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'Giving' in-laws a bit much to take

Dear Annie: I am a married mother of a 3-year-old boy. He is the only grandchild on either side of the family. My problem is with my mother-in-law, a widow on a fixed income, and my sister-in-law, who is married but has no children.

My in-laws like to control everything. When my own sister planned a baby shower for me, my sister-in-law informed me that she would have no part of it because it was "too early." I was seven months' pregnant at the time. The morning of the shower, my mother-in-law told my husband she would not attend because she did not receive a formal invitation, even though we had asked her verbally. I ended up with two showers, one given by my sister and a larger one by my in-laws.

My son's birthday is rapidly approaching, and I am dreading it.

I have repeatedly asked my in-laws to restrict the number of gifts they buy my son, but they

say this is "what they're supposed to do." My child is turning into a greedy monster, and I don't know how to handle it.

—Spoiled in Sayreville, N.J.

Dear Spoiled: You cannot change your in-laws' behavior without their cooperation. Instead, thank them graciously for the gifts,

allow your son to have one or two, and put the rest away. Keep them in a closet for later, or let your son select some to donate to a hospital or shelter. And tell your husband to back you up.

Dear Annie: I'm responding to "Puzzled in California," who complained that she reclined her airline seat and the passenger behind her pushed it.

On a recent flight, the man in front of me reclined his seat

futly. His head was inches from my face, and my legs were pinned

under him. I have hip problems and had to shift frequently, but doing so meant jostling him. The man angrily demanded that I stop kicking his seat.

—Squished

Dear Squished: This one struck a nerve with our readers. Read on.

From N.C.: If the person behind me doesn't want my head in his lap, he should ask for an exit row seat and not expect me to sit upright for the duration of the flight.

Tallahassee, Fla.: I am 6 feet 4 inches, and my knees touch the back of the seat in front of me. When that person reclines, it's a painful experience. The airlines could solve the problem by adjusting the seats to recline only one short notch.

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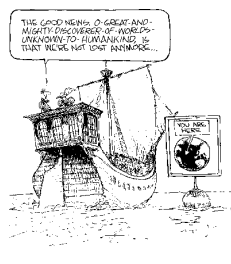
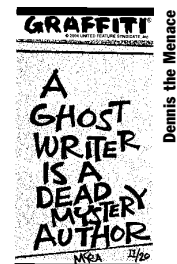
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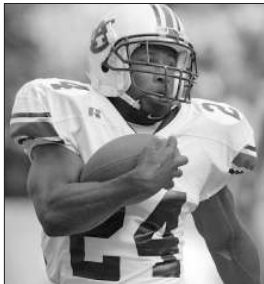


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“Of course it is. You ate part of yours.”





Auburn's Carnell Williams ranks third in the SEC in rushing (963 yards) and fourth in scoring (66 points).



Michigan senior Braylon Edwards has five 100-yard receiving games this season.

High stakes in rivalry week

By RALPH D. RUSSO

The Associated Press

There's no better way to salvage a disappointing season than ruing your archrivals' grand plans. Alabama, Ohio State, BYU and Stanford have that opportunity Saturday.

Auburn (10-0), tied for second in the AP rankings, brings national title hopes into the Iron Bowl against Alabama.

"It's good that we're playing this game, because it's so important to everybody," Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville said. "You can forget all about the records."

"This game means so much to so many people — families, brothers, sisters — we'll get their full attention."

Alabama (6-4) has the No. 2 total defense in the nation and the top rushing offense in the Southeastern Conference. But the Crimson Tide have been hampered by season-ending injuries to quarterback Brodie Croyle and tailback Ray Hudson. Croyle's injury has basically left Alabama with a one-dimensional offense, a major problem against an Auburn defense that ranks No. 1 in the country in points allowed (9.3 per game).

In the Big Ten's most heated rivalry, No. 7 Michigan (9-1) will be trying to lock up a second straight conference title and trip to the Rose Bowl against an Ohio State team that has tumbled after two straight double-digit win seasons and a national title in 2002. "It's going to be a tough, physical battle," Michigan offensive lineman David Baas said. "It is every single year, no matter the record, or problems schools are having. It is Ohio State vs. Michigan. It is 'The game.'"

On the field, the Buckeyes (6-4, 3-4) are in danger of their first losing Big Ten record since 1999. Of the field, coach Jim Tressell and athletic director Augie Geiger have been defending the program against former Buckeyes star Maurice Clarett's accusations of cheating.

Fifth-ranked Utah (10-0) is trying to become the first team from a non-BCS conference to earn a BCS bowl bid. A win over rival BYU (5-5) would all but seal a trip to one of the \$14 million games, a loss sends Utah to the Liberty Bowl as Mountain West

champs, where they'd get a check for \$1.35 million. The Cougars, meanwhile, are just trying to become eligible for any bowl.

Then there's the Big Game between California (8-1) and Stanford (4-6). The fourth-ranked Golden Bears are trying to reach the Rose Bowl for the first time in 46 years, while their Bay Area rivals are trying to break a four-game losing streak.

The picks:

No. 2 Auburn (minus 10) at Alabama: Tigers have won two straight in Tuscaloosa... **AUBURN 27-6.**

No. 2 Oklahoma (minus 34½) at Baylor: Sooners can't afford even slight slip... **OKLAHOMA 52-14.**

Stanford (plus 24) at No. 4 California: Cal has won two straight in Big Game... **CAL 44-17.**

BYU (plus 21½) at No. 5 Utah: Fiesta time in Salt Lake City... as in Fiesta Bowl for Utah... **UTAH 38-24.**

No. 7 Michigan (minus 5½) at Ohio State: Buckeyes middle Big Ten race... **OHIO STATE 22-20.**

No. 8 Louisville (minus 21) at Houston: Cardinals won 66-45 last season... **LOUISVILLE 55-28.**

No. 9 Wisconsin (plus 3) at No. 17 Iowa: Hawkeyes sent Michigan to Rose Bowl... **IOWA 17-16.**

Florida (plus 7) at No. 10 Florida State: Gators haven't won in Tallahassee since 1986... **FLORIDA STATE 27-23.**

Wake Forest (plus 18½) at No. 12 Miami: ACC title still possible for Hurricanes... **MIAMI 38-17.**

Louisiana Tech (plus 24) at No. 13 Boise State: Broncos' defense plays better on Smurf Turf... **BOISE STATE 48-20.**

Mississippi (plus 20½) at No. 14 LSU: Tigers enjoy Cotton Bowl bid... **LSU 28-13.**

No. 15 Tennessee (minus 13) at Vanderbilt: Toss have won 21 straight against Commodores... **TENNESSEE 24-14.**

No. 18 Virginia (minus 6) at Georgia Tech: Cavs 7-0 against teams not from Florida... **VIRGINIA 26-14.**

No. 19 Boston College (minus 14) at Temple: Eagles win two wins away from BCS bid... **BOSTON COLLEGE 38-20.**

SMU (plus 21) at No. 24 UTEP: Defense has led Miners' turnaround... **UTEP 34-10.**

Last week: 163 (straight); 104-81 (vs. points). Season: 165-44 (straight); 104-92.5 (vs. points).



Alex Smith will try to help Utah beat BYU and get into a BCS bowl.



QB Aaron Rodgers aims to end Cal's 46-year Rose Bowl drought.



FSU's Lorenzo Booker will meet Florida's defense on Saturday.

College football schedule/statistics

Weekend schedule

Saturday, Nov. 20

Buffalo (2-8) at Connecticut (5-4)	
Penn (7-2) at Cornell (4-3)	
Bucknell (6-4) at Duquesne (7-2)	
Colgate (6-4) at Fordham (5-3)	
Hofstra (5-5) at Massachusetts (5-5)	
Michigan St. (5-5) at Penn State (5-5)	
Boston College (7-2) at Temple (2-8)	
Columbia (1-8) at Brown (4-3)	
Holy Cross (2-8) at Georgetown, D.C. (7-2)	
Yale (5-4) at Harvard (9-4)	
Lehigh (9-1) at Lafayette (7-3)	
Rhode Island (4-4) at Northeastern (4-6)	
UAB (6-2) at Army (2-7)	
Villanova (5-4) at Delaware (7-3)	
New Hampshire (9-2) at Maine (5-5)	
Dartmouth (1-8) at Princeton (4-3)	
James Madison (8-2) at Towson (2-7)	
Rutgers (4-5) at Navy (7-2)	

SOUTH

North Carolina (5-5) at Duke (2-8)	
Wake Forest (6-5) at Miami (2-8)	
South Carolina (5-4) at Clemson (5-5)	
DelaWare St. (4-3) at Howard (6-4)	
W. Carolina (4-6) at The Citadel (2-7)	
Tennessee (2-4) at Vanderbilt (2-8)	
Virginia (7-2) at Georgia Tech (5-3)	
Drake (9-2) at Morehead St. (6-5)	
Wyatt (4-4) at VMI (2-10)	
Richmond (2-7) at William & Mary (8-2)	
Mississippi (7-3) at Southern Miss (4-6)	
East (3-7) at Liberty (5-5)	
Hampton (9-1) at Savannah St. (2-7)	
Memphis (6-3) at East Carolina (2-7)	
Charlottesville (2-8) at Furman (9-3)	
S. Carolina St. (8-2) at N. Carolina A&T (3-7)	
E. Illinois (4-4) at Samford (4-6)	
E. Kentucky (5-4) at Tennessee Tech (6-4)	
Prairie View (3-7) at Alabama A&M (4-6)	
Alcorn St. (6-4) at Jackson St. (4-6)	
Arkansas (4-5) at Mississippi St. (3-6)	
SE Missouri (3-7) at Arkansas St. (4-6)	
North (10-0) at Alabama (4-6)	
Waynes St. (5-4) at Tennessee (4-6)	
W. Kentucky (9-2) at Fla. International (2-8)	
Ill. (8-4) at Ohio St. (5-4)	
Ill. (3-4) at Orlando, Fla.	
W. Michigan (1-4) at Marshall (5-3)	
Charlotte Southern (5-4) at Coastal Carolina (2-8)	
Middle Tennessee (5-4) at Troy (4-6)	
La. Tech (6-4) at Louisiana Tech (4-6)	
Florida (6-4) at Florida St. (8-2)	
Mississippi St. (5-4) at LSU (7-2)	
Nicholls St. (4-4) at McNeese St. (3-7)	

MIDWEST

Iowa St. (5-4) at Kansas St. (4-6)	
Ball State (5-4) at Indiana (4-6)	
Illinois (7-2) at Northwestern (5-5)	
Purdue (6-4) at Indiana St. (4-6)	
Ball State (2-8) at Cent. Michigan (3-7)	
N. Illinois (7-2) at E. Michigan (4-6)	
Michigan (9-1) at Ohio St. (5-4)	
Kansas (3-7) at Missouri (4-6)	
South Florida (5-4) at UConn (5-4)	
Wisconsin (9-1) at Illinois (7-2)	
Oklahoma (10-0) at Baylor (7-3)	
South Dakota St. (5-4) at Sam Houston (8-2)	
Northern Iowa (7-3) at Stephen Austin (8-4)	
Louisville (7-1) at Houston (4-6)	
Troy (5-4) at UConn (5-4)	
Joe St. (2-7) at Tulsa (2-8)	
Morgan St. (4-6) at Tennessee (10-0)	

PAC WEST

Montana St. (6-4) at Montana (9-2)	
Idaho St. (5-4) at Idaho (4-6)	
Louisiana Tech (5-4) at Boise St. (9-0)	
Colorado St. (4-6) at Air Force (4-6)	
Wyoming (6-4) at New Mexico (6-4)	
Stanford (4-6) at California (5-4)	
New Mexico St. (5-4) at Utah St. (2-8)	
Stanford (4-6) at California (5-4)	
Idaho St. (5-4) at Oregon St. (5-5)	
Cal St.-Sacramento (5-4) at Sacramento St. (3-7)	
Washington (1-9) at Washington St. (4-6)	
PVU (5-4) at Utah (10-0)	
N. Iowa (6-4) at Arizona (4-6)	
New Mexico St. (5-4) at Fresno St. (3-3)	
UNLV (2-8) at San Diego St. (3-7)	
Utah St. (2-8) at Hawaii (4-6)	

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Utah	615	3115	311.1
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Boise State	719	4822	673.5
California	718	4427	618.3
Texas Tech	748	4735	651.5
Memphis	737	4724	647.8
Michigan	682	4188	606.4
Oklahoma	736	4636	642.6
Michigan St.	683	4084	584.8
Texas A&M	693	4455	625.1
Georgia	683	4446	624.3
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Air Force	578	2678	367.8
West Virginia	578	2678	367.8
Minnesota	500	2905	398.1
Georgia Tech	500	2905	398.1
Virginia	427	2299	251.1
California	375	2230	247.8
Michigan St.	418	2413	261.3
Utah	446	2240	248.0
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Rushing offense

Holtz out, Spurrier in at South Carolina

Former Notre Dame coach to retire; reports say ex-Florida coach will take over

BY PETE IACOBELLI
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Lou Holtz wanted his South Carolina players to focus on their game against Clemson. They suddenly have a lot more on their minds.

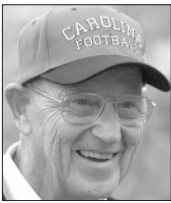
Holtz will retire as coach of South Carolina after the season, The Associated Press learned Thursday night, apparently paving the way for Steve Spurrier to replace him.

Holtz told his players before the team's final, regular-season practice, according to a source close to the program who spoke on condition of anonymity. All season, the 67-year-old Holtz said he was worn out, and even said Spurrier would be a good choice to succeed him.

On Wednesday, South Carolina cornerback Fred Bennett said Holtz promised the players he would tell them first when he decided about next year. "So I respect him for that," Bennett said.

A report in The Tennessean of Nashville, had Spurrier taking over and the announcement coming next week. Other reports said Spurrier and South Carolina agreed to a contract between \$1.5 million and \$2 million.

If Spurrier decides to coach the Gamecocks, he would face his former team next season on Nov. 12, when Florida comes to Williams-Brice Stadium.



South Carolina coach Lou Holtz, 67, has said during this season that he has felt worn down.

An announcement regarding Spurrier, who won a national championship at Florida, is expected next week, the newspaper said, citing an anonymous source close to the situation.

South Carolina athletic director Mike McGee wouldn't confirm or deny the reports. Several calls to Spurrier's agent, Jimmy Sexton, were not returned.

Holtz wanted the Gamecocks (6-4) concentrating on the Tigers (5-5). A victory Saturday would give the school its first seven-win season since 2001 and probably earn a bowl upgrade. A defeat would be South Carolina's fifth in six years of the series since Holtz

arrived. And it would be another slap after last year's 63-17 loss that Holtz said left him as embarrassed as ever.

South Carolina quarterback Syvelle Newton could tell Holtz was especially intense this week — and not necessarily because he's leaving.

"We don't worry about any of that," Newton said. "We love Coach Holtz and whatever he does, that's for after the season. We're only thinking about Clemson."

Holtz has said that the atmosphere surrounding the South Carolina-Clemson game at Death Valley reminded him of his last game at Notre Dame.

"Not that I'm saying this is my last game," Holtz said. "The decision was already made and Bob Davie was going to replace me. We had a terrible week of practice. We were 8-2 and had a young football team and we were playing Southern Cal."

"We played probably the worst football game I've ever had a football team play, yet we were up by eight points and missed an extra point. With about a minute-and-a-half to go, USC scored and went for two and tied the game. We lost in overtime. We had five turnovers and all kinds of penalties."

Holtz had opened the door for talk of his future. He said several times that he's worn out and tired



Steve Spurrier, 12-20 in two NFL seasons, has the highest winning percentage in SEC history.

from the season. Holtz went through a troubling off-season in which he let go four longtime assistants and took the offense away from his son, Skip. Holtz then went to work on a project he called "changing the culture" at South Carolina. He taught weekly sessions with his players on being good teammates, accountability and citizenship.

While Holtz hasn't delivered on the Southeastern Conference and national titles he spoke of during his welcome news conference in December 1998, he's the only coach in Gamecocks history with two bowl victories.

Holtz thinks the team's talent

level is up, along with discipline, commitment and academics. He feels the program is in much better shape than a year ago, when the blowout loss to Clemson knocked South Carolina out of a bowl bid.

"I still say there's a lot of solid things," Holtz said. "We'll find out Saturday."

Spurrier and Holtz are friends. Spurrier helped Holtz's wife, Beth, obtain an appointment with Florida's NCAA faculty adviser Dr. Nicholas Cassisi for treatment for throat cancer. When Beth Holtz was in the university's surgical center, Spurrier's wife, Jerri, checked on her several times to see what she needed.

"He didn't have to do any of that," Holtz said in 1999. "He's got a million other things on his mind. I was one of those kids."

Spurrier, 59, went 20-13-1 in three seasons at Duke before taking over at Florida, his alma mater, in 1990. The Gators won six Southeastern Conference championships and the 1996 national title under Spurrier. He posted 122 victories over 12 seasons, tormented opponents with his offensive flair and witty one-liners, and left town with the best winning percentage in league history.

Spurrier's abruptly left after the 2001 season, taking over for the Washington Redskins. He resigned after two seasons with a 12-20 record.

Shelled: Rout enrages Terps coach

SHELLED, FROM BACK PAGE

Randall said the easy victory was a welcome change.

"I'll take a victory like this any day," he said. "We got the momentum early, it stayed with us and they were on their heels the whole game."

It was a loss that didn't sit well with Maryland coach Ralph Friedgen, who has guided the Terps to bowl games in each of his first three seasons.

"Obviously, I'm not reaching these kids," an angry Friedgen said. "I just have to sit back and re-evaluate everything. I can tell you that — I'm not very good at this. You won't see me around here a whole long time if we do this a whole lot. They won't have to go. I'll quit."

Tailback Mike Inoh scored both early touchdowns — one on a fourth-down 1-yard drive — then led the strained offense in winning.

But it hardly mattered. Jimmy Williams returned an interception 34 yards for a touchdown, Justin Hanks scored a 5-yard run and the Hokies cruised to a 27-14 victory.



Virginia Tech tailback Mike Inoh (20) gets past Maryland's David Holloway to score a touchdown.

The trouble started right away for the Terps and sophomore quarterback Joel Statham, whose third pass was intercepted by James Griffin and returned 11 yards to the Maryland 29. Five runs by Inoh made it 7-0.

After a false start to begin the next series, Statham connected with Derrick Finner, who was quickly stripped of the ball by James Anderson, and Mikal Baagoe recovered for the Hokies at the 17.

Three plays later, Inoh ran it in from the 6, hurt his hamstring and watched the rest of the game. Randall third-down passes of 35 yards to Jeff King and 10 yards to Jared Mazetta, and Brandon Pace added field goals of 27 and 34 yards.

See summary on Page 36.

Michigan's offense operates on Hart

BY LARRY LAGE
The Associated Press

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Some athletes thrive off the energy their fans provide during home games.

Michigan's running back knows he'll be the enemy Saturday at Ohio State — yet he's looking forward to the experience.

"I love being booed. To me, there's nothing better than that," Hart said. "I'd rather get booed. It gives me a lot more incentive."

Listed at 5 feet 9 and 194 pounds, though he might not be that tall or heavy — Hart is used to being doubted, jeered and taunted.

"I just like going into situations that are against you," he said. "It's probably because of my little size."

If Hart can do what he's done for much of the year for No. 7 Michigan, the Buckeyes' rowdy fans might be silenced.

The freshman averages a Big Ten-best 131.1 yards rushing per game — ninth-best in the country — despite carrying the ball just eight times in the first two games and not starting until the fifth game of the season.

Hart leads the conference with 150.5 all-purpose yards per game. He came in and surprised a lot of people, Ohio State linebacker A.J. Hawk said. "He's a great run-



Game time is Central European.

ning back. He's not a huge guy, but he breaks a lot of tackles.

"It's a pretty big challenge to stop a guy like that because if a couple of defensive guys are out of place, he'll find the mistake and hit the crease and make you pay."

Hart's 1,311 yards rank 13th in Michigan history for a season rushing total. If he matches his average Saturday, he'll move into seventh place.

He ran for 151 yards in Michigan's 42-20 victory over Northwestern last week for his school-record fifth straight 150-yard game.

Against the Wildcats, he moved past Ohio State's Maurice Clarrett (1,237 yards) into third place on the conference list for rushing in a season by a freshman. Wisconsin's Ron Dayne (2,109) and Minnesota's Darrell Thompson (1,376) ran for more yards than Hart as Big Ten freshmen.

Hawk compared Hart to Claret.

"Both can see the hole and know when to cut it back," Hawk said.

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr knew he would have to replace Chris Perry, now an NFL rookie in Cincinnati, but he wasn't sure the recruit from upstate New York could handle the task.

"This is a guy that came out of a very small high school, and a lot of people questioned whether his competition was strong enough," Carr said. "I actually thought I thought he would be leading the Big Ten in rushing this late in the season, because I didn't. But I didn't have any question that he was the kind of kid that was going to be successful here."

Hart has piled up impressive statistics without the benefit of 50- or 70-yard runs.

His 44-yard TD last week was his longest run for Michigan, and it was similar to many of his 33 gains of at least 10 yards. He started up the middle, but ended up bouncing off the line.

"He has the ability to make the play when the play isn't there," tight end Tim Massaquoi said. "Certain plays have that. He sees something that everybody else doesn't."

Hart has been low key despite the national publicity.

"I respect him for that," senior defensive end D.J. Massey said. "He is levelheaded, and his ego hasn't gotten out of hand."

NFL's top runner passes praise along

Alexander credits Seahawks' offensive line for success

By TIM KORTE
The Associated Press

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Shaun Alexander has always had a knack for getting into the end zone. Lately, Seattle's offensive line has been making it easy for the Seahawks running back to find the open lanes and open field, too.

"Our line's on fire," Alexander said. "They are the best in the NFL, and they're playing like it. They're showing everyone. I just get the honor of running behind them. I'm just trying to match their intensity every game."

After running for 176 yards in last week's loss at St. Louis, Alexander is the NFL's leading rusher with 1,655 yards. He has posted three consecutive 100-yard games and is averaging 117.2 yards per game.

"We've been gaining a lot of yards," coach Mike Holmgren said.

"Shaun has been doing a nice job of running."

It didn't happen by accident.

Seattle's running game has been in a groove over the past three games — since Holmgren said he wanted to simplify things for quarterback Matt Hasselbeck and "force-feed" the ball to Alexander.

"As a lineman, you always feel you can do a little more," guard Steve Hutchinson said. "I think we took it as a little bit of a call-out. Maybe we weren't doing a good enough job."

Alexander — a free agent after this season — gained 195 yards rushing and ran for a touchdown in a win over Carolina on Oct. 31, then went for 160 yards with two TDs when Seattle (5-3) won the next game at San Francisco.

"We tried to step up our game a little," Hutchinson said.

"Shaun runs hard all the time. I think we just got on the same

page a little better. We got our blocks in sync with where he's looking to hit it."

On paper, it looks like another good weekend for Alexander. The injury-ravaged Miami Dolphins (1-8) are the second-worst defense in the NFL against the run. They have allowed an average 145.6 yards rushing per game.

"Shaun is so patient," Dolphins linebacker Zach Thomas said. "He waits for blocks to happen instead of just going downhill and hitting the hole. He does a great job with patience. We've just got to have guys fill the gaps."

Alexander, whose 12 TDs rank second in the NFL, said he never looks at the statistics. Instead, he studies film and considers matchups with the teammates and the opponents they'll line up against.

Even without injured linebacker Junior Seau and tackle Tim Bowens, who both are out for the season, Alexander believes the Dolphins are talented on defense.



AP

Seattle Seahawks RB Shaun Alexander (37) took the NFL rushing lead with 176 yards in a loss to St. Louis last Sunday.

"They just haven't played fully together against the run, and that's really dangerous," he said. "Next thing you know, they get hot. Who knows how good their defense could be?"

Brunell says benching not end of his career

The Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — Mark Brunell is 34 years old, has the worst stats in the league and has lost his job as a younger player two years in a row.

Is retirement on the table?

"No, I don't think so," the Washington Redskins quarterback said. "I feel real good about how I can play. It hasn't worked out these first nine games, of course. But I still have a lot of confidence."

He has to draw deep within himself to find it. Brunell's 63.9 quarterback rating ranks last in the NFL, a far cry from his 85.2 rating that ranked 11th in NFL history at the start of the season.

Last year, he was made expendable in Jacksonville by the arrival of Byron Leftwich. This year, he has been replaced by Patrick Ramsey.

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, followed by team's prognosis:
Steelers: RB Duane Staley (sore hamstring) missed practice Thursday and is unlikely to play Sunday in Cincinnati.
Patriots: QB Steve McNair (sore chest) practiced Thursday but will be a late decision for his status at Jacksonville.
Eagles: QB Anthony McFarland (torn right triceps) is out for the season.
Panthers: QB Jake Delhomme (fractured right thumb) threw Thursday but is questionable for Sunday's game vs. Arizona.

NFL briefs

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Brunell's games have made for difficult viewing. He has shown no consistent ability to complete passes downfield, and even his short throws to wide open receivers are missing the mark. Yet, Brunell and the coaching staff insist the 11-year veteran has more snaps to play before he's done.

"I've had a lot of success in this league," Brunell said.

"And the body feels good. It's always one week at a time, one season at a time, but right now, going into this week, I'm the backup. That's my role, and I will have a good attitude and keep working hard and see where this goes."

Former All-Pro Luis Sharpe sentenced to prison

PHOENIX — Former Arizona Cardinals tackle Luis Sharpe, who pleaded guilty to possession of narcotics last month, was sentenced Thursday to 2½ years in state prison.

Sharpe, a former All-Pro who played with the Cardinals from 1982-94, was arrested in April by officers who reported seeing him buy drugs. Sharpe allegedly threw a large bag of cocaine out of his car as officers moved in.

Sharpe has had numerous run-ins with the law since 1995.

Steelers owner calls 'MNF' skit 'disgraceful'

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pittsburgh Steelers owner Dan Rooney called a segment for the intro to "Monday Night Football" "disgraceful" and criticized ABC for "misérable" judgment.

The longtime owner, writing in an op-ed piece in Friday's New York Times, is the latest to weigh in on the skit that aired before Monday night's Dallas-Philadelphia game.

"The opening was out of place and should not have been part of the broadcast," Rooney wrote in the piece titled "Out of Bounds." "I thought it was disgraceful."

ABC's intro showed actress Nicolellette Sheridan of the hit show "Desperate Housewives" wearing only a towel and provocatively asking Eagles wide receiver Terrell Owens to skip the game for her as the two stood alone in a locker room. She drops the towel and jumps into Owens' arms.

"Worst was that it used one of our players in uniform in the locker room — who claimed that the team's going to have to win without one. That is not NFL football," said Rooney, whose family has owned the Steelers since 1933.

The segment generated complaints to ABC and the Federal Communications Commission, as well as to NFL teams.

"At the Steelers offices (and at those of most other NFL teams), we were flooded with phone calls and e-mail messages protesting the video's salacious content," Rooney wrote. "Many of those calls were from parents with their children and did not expect to see such material."

"The league headquarters acknowledged that the fans who contacted us were correct. ABC's judgment was miserable."

ABC, the Eagles and Owens apologized this week, with the team saying it wished the segment hadn't aired. The NFL called the intro "inappropriate and unsuitable for our 'Monday Night Football' audience."

"The Steelers and the 31 other clubs that make up the league, are a team," Rooney said. "We play as a team. This promotion simply did not belong in that context, and that's what sparked my reaction."

Favre's mother falls ill on her book tour

The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Brett Favre's mother was hospitalized Thursday with stomach pains, interrupting her book tour.

Bonita Favre was taken to the emergency room after waking up with "a horrible stomach bug," said Zo Je Feigenbaum, the publisher for the book entitled "FAVRE."

Bonita Favre was admitted to the hospital where she was resting comfortably after being given fluids and antibiotics, Feigenbaum said.

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No. 5 Syracuse recovers vs. Mississippi St.



Syracuse's Hakim Warrick, left, looks to shoot against Mississippi State's Lawrence Roberts, right and Wesley Morgan, center, Thursday.

Orange hold off Bulldogs in Coaches vs. Cancer semis

BY JIM O'CONNELL

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Syracuse and Mississippi State both struggled in the first half. Hakim Warrick made sure Syracuse had a much better final 20 minutes.

Warrick scored 17 of his 21 points in the second half and the fifth-ranked Orange beat No. 12 Mississippi State 71-58 Thursday night in the semifinals of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.

"We got him the ball. We made a conscious effort to get him the ball," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said of the difference in Warrick in the two halves. "We showed patience and got much better shots."

Syracuse (3-0) will play No. 24 Memphis on Friday night in the championship game at Madison Square Garden. The Tigers (3-0) beat Saint Mary's 81-66 in the other semifinal.

Syracuse and Mississippi State (2-1) were tied 25-25 at halftime. Syracuse had the better shooting half, hitting 29.4 percent to the Bulldogs' 26.5. The Orange were 1-of-8 from three-point range, Mississippi State was 1-of-9.

The matchup of preseason

All-Americans was even, too, and not very good. Warrick had four points on 2-for-5 shooting and Lawrence Roberts of the Bulldogs, playing for the first time this season, had two points and missed all five of his shots.

Warrick, a 6-foot-8 senior, had six points in Syracuse's 11-0 run to open the second half and the Orange stayed about that far in front the rest of the way.

"I think once we all got going it was really us," Warrick said. "That's what got me going."

Gerry McNamara missed his first six three-point attempts before hitting two around a dunk by Warrick on his alley-oop pass to give the Orange a 56-43 lead with 9:18 to play.

Warrick had 10 rebounds and McNamara finished with nine points and seven assists for the Orange, who went 21-for-31 from the field in the second half (67.7 percent).

"I thought we executed about as well as we could in the second half," Boeheim said. "What did we shoot? Sixty-seven percent. Yeah, that's good. We executed better, got good movement and better shot selection."

Roberts, the Southeastern Conference player of the year last season, missed the Bulldogs' opener because of an NCAA suspension over payment to an NBA pre-draft workout. He missed the second recovering from a broken nose in practice last week.

Playing with a face mask, Roberts finished with nine points and 12 rebounds. He was 2-for-9 from the field and never looked comfortable in his 28 minutes.

"We knew he would play we just didn't know how much," Mississippi State coach Rick Stansbury said of Roberts. "He hasn't practiced and we couldn't expect that much out of him but he still gets us 12 rebounds. It's his presence out there that helps the team. He missed some chippies he normally makes. Unfortunately for us he had to play that much tonight."

Shane Power had 18 points for Mississippi State, which shot 31.3 percent for the game (20-for-64). "It was that first 4, 5 minutes of the second half. That was a big spurt," Stansbury said. "In the first half we did a good job on Warrick and McNamara. Then Warrick changed the emotion and energy level of their team and we didn't show a lot of poise."

No. 24 Memphis ends St. Mary's run

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rodney Carney took some time to answer John Calipari's question.

"Coach called me over the summer and asked me if I was working hard," Carney said. "I guess I showed him what I did all through the summer tonight."

The junior forward scored a career-high 33 points and Memphis ended the surprising tournament run of Saint Mary's with an 81-66 victory Thursday night in the semifinals of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.

The 24th-ranked Tigers (3-0) will face No. 5 for the title on Friday night.

The 6-foot-7 Carney had 20 points in the first half as Memphis took a 42-29 lead. His three-pointers started a 10-0 run that broke a 17-all tie and he scored six points in a 9-0 run that gave the Tigers a 38-22 lead with 3:17 left in the half.

"He's put in a lot and all of a sudden on national TV he gets back a lot," Calipari said.

Saint Mary's (2-1), which beat California in the quarterfinals, was the lone mid-major in the field of 16 to reach the semifinals at Madison Square Garden, and the Gaels started as if another upset was possible.

Daniel Kickert scored 12 of his first 14 points in the opening four minutes, but Memphis used several defenders on him as Saint Mary's continued to run its spread offense. He finished the half with 15 points.

The Gaels pulled to 64-56 on five straight points by Kickert with 7:18 to play. Carney and Jeremy Hunt then hit consecutive three-pointers to extend the lead to 14.

"We didn't leave him on pick and rolls in the second half," Calipari said of the defen-

sive job on Kickert. "They may miss a layup, but he isn't going to miss a three. He is a really good player."

Carney's previous career high was 26 points last season against South Carolina. He finished 13-for-20 from the field, including 3-for-3 on threes, and had nine rebounds.

He also impressed Saint Mary's coach Randy Bennett.

"He looked like a pro tonight. Shooting three's, taking it to the hole," Bennett said. "We played decent. We could have played better. Memphis had a lot to do with that. They are difficult to defend. The fact we didn't do a good job on Carney was the difference in the game. Other than that, I thought it was a close game."

"I was pleased. We did get something out of this game because of the level of competition that we are playing against."

Sean Banks, one of the most effective defenders against the 6-10 Kickert, added 18 points for Memphis, while freshman Joey Dorsey had 10 points and eight rebounds. The Tigers shot 50.8 percent from the field (32-for-63).

"We haven't even dug into our talent yet. We need to get the chemistry down," Carney said. "Once we get that down, in my opinion, we'll be unstoppable."

Kickert finished with 24 points and nine rebounds for Saint Mary's, which is playing at least the first seven games of the season without Paul Marigney, the leading scorer last season in the West Coast Athletic Conference, for academic reasons.

It was the third straight strong defensive outing for Memphis.

Saint Mary's shot 35.8 percent from the field (24-for-67), including 8-for-23 from three-point range.

"We relied a little bit too much on Sean and Rodney, but they had it going," Cal-

pri said. "They played well, they didn't go away. They could have easily have hit some 3s to beat us."

No. 2 Wake Forest 81, Virginia Commonwealth 67: Chris Paul scored 16 points despite taking just three shots from the field Thursday night to help host Wake Forest win in the Preseason NIT.

Paul hit 14 of 15 free throws and had five assists for the Demon Deacons (2-0), who head to New York for next week's semifinal matchup with Providence.

Justin Gray added 14 points and was one of five Wake Forest players in double figures.

Alexander Harper led the Rams (1-1) with 17 points.

The game was a rematch of last year's first-round NCAA tournament game, won by Wake Forest 79-78. In that game, the Rams were tied going into the final 90 seconds before Paul made several plays to help the Demon Deacons survive.

This time, Wake Forest used an 18-0 first-half run to go ahead to stay — though it had to fight off several Rams runs and its own inconsistency.

No. 10 Arizona 83, Wright St. 66: At Tucson, Ariz., Salim Stoudamire scored 24 points, including 6-for-9 shooting on three-pointers, and Arizona beat Wright State in the second round of the Preseason NIT.

The Wildcats (2-0) play Michigan in the semifinals next Wednesday in New York.

Channing Frye had 11 points and Hassan Adams had 10 for Arizona.

Isaiah Fox, suspended from Tuesday's opener for violating team rules, had 10 points and a team-high eight rebounds.

Zakee Boyd scored a career-high 24 points for the Raiders (1-1).



Junior forward Rodney Carney (10) scored a career-high 33 points as Memphis defeated St. Mary's 81-66 in the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic semifinals on Thursday.

No. 19 N.C. State 71, Elon 45: At Raleigh, N.C., Julius Hodge scored 21 points on his 21st birthday to join an exclusive group of Atlantic Coast Conference players, leading North Carolina State past Elon in the semifinals of the BCA Invitational. The Wolfpack (2-0) advanced to play East Carolina for the championship.

Hodge now has 1,505 points and 303 assists in his career, becoming the 18th player in the 52-year history of the ACC to record at least 1,500 points, 500 rebounds and 300 assists. Anthony Grundy is the only other N.C. State player to reach those totals.

Teammate Iliya Evtyimov added 10 points. Matt Nowlin had 16 points for Elon (1-1), which shot 38 percent.

Buzzer-beater lifts Knicks over Rockets

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Jamal Crawford had been practicing crazy shots over and over again recently, preparing himself for the opportunity to make a game-winning basket.

When a chance to put his practice to use arose Thursday night, Crawford stuck his head in the huddle and asked New York Knicks coach Lenny Wilkens for the final shot.

"I honestly practice those kinds of shots all the time," Crawford said. "I felt comfortable. I told coach I could knock it down."

Crawford proved to be prophetic, banking in a three-pointer at the buzzer to send the Knicks to their first road victory of the season, 93-92 over the reeling Houston Rockets.

Crawford finished with 19 points, going 5-for-11 from the three-point arc, and Kurt Thomas added 23 points and 14 rebounds to hand the Rockets their fourth loss in five games.

New York, which ends a four-game trip against Dallas on Friday, came back from an 11-point deficit to start the fourth quarter, getting clutch baskets from Crawford, Thomas and Stephen Marbury down the stretch.

NBA roundup

"It was a big win for us, and it really helps our psyche," Wilkens said. "It really helps our mental approach. The guys know they can win one like this now."

The Knicks opened the quarter by scoring the first 11 points to tie it at 72, getting consecutive threes from Penny Hardaway.

Houston was ahead 92-88 with 41.4 seconds left after Maurice Taylor's basket.

But Thomas scored on a jumper with 26.8 seconds left, Houston's Tracy McGrady missed a running jumper with 2.9 seconds left and the Knicks grabbed the rebound to set up the final shot.

After a timeout, Crawford came open to the right of the top of the key, took the inbound pass from Hardaway and banked in a three as time expired.

"I thought it was in all the way," Thomas said. "Whenever your teammate tells you he's going to hit it coming out of the huddle, you believe him. It was an unbelievable shot. But he said he was going to make it."

Spurs 88, 76ers 80: At Philadelphia, Tim Duncan scored a sea-



New York Knicks' Jamal Crawford (11) releases the game-winning shot as Houston Rockets' Jim Jackson (21) defends Thursday.

son-high 34 points and grabbed 13 rebounds to lead San Antonio to its fifth straight victory.

Allen Iverson scored 24, Kyle Korver had 17 and Corliss Williamson added 15 for the Sixers, who set a dubious team record by scoring just six points in the first quarter.

Cavaliers 106, Bobcats 89: LeBron James helped break the game open late in the second quarter by driving baseline for a windmill dunk, one of three crowd-pleasers among James' 19 points.

It was the fifth consecutive victory for the Cavaliers and moved them two games over .500 for the first time since 1999.

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	4	1	1.000
Philadelphia	4	1	1.000
Toronto	3	2	.600
New York	3	2	.600
New Jersey	2	3	.400
Southeast Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	3	1	.750
Orlando	3	2	.600
Washington	2	3	.400
Atlanta	2	3	.400
Charlotte	1	4	.200
Central Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	2	1	.667
Cleveland	2	2	.500
Detroit	2	2	.500
Milwaukee	2	2	.500
Chicago	1	3	.250

Western Conference

Southwest Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	1	1	.500
Dallas	1	1	.500
Houston	1	1	.500
Memphis	1	1	.500
New Orleans	0	2	.000
Northwest Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	1	1	.500
Utah	1	1	.500
Minnesota	1	1	.500
Portland	1	1	.500
Denver	0	2	.000
Pacific Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	1	1	.500
L.A. Lakers	1	1	.500
Sacramento	1	1	.500
Golden State	0	2	.000

Thursday's games

Cleveland 106, Charlotte 89	11:30
San Antonio 88, Philadelphia 80	8:00
New York 93, Houston 92	8:00
Friday's games	
Seattle at Toronto	8:00
Utah at Miami	8:00
San Antonio at Boston	8:00
Indiana at Detroit	8:00
New York at Dallas	8:00
Chicago at Denver	8:00
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix	8:00
Milwaukee at Portland	8:00
Memphis at Sacramento	8:00
Saturday's games	
Houston at Cleveland	8:00
Charlotte at Atlanta	8:00
Orlando at Indiana	8:00
Washington at New Jersey	8:00
Minnesota at New Orleans	8:00
Memphis at Golden State	8:00

Thursday

Cavaliers 106, Bobcats 89	8:00
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Spurs 88, 76ers 80
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San Antonio — Bowen 2-4 0-5, Duncan 13-27 8-13 2-4, Nesterovic 7-3-4 2-16, Parker 6-10 0-4 0-0, McVay 1-1 1-7, Barry 2-1 1-1, Rose 1-0 0-2, Jiri 2-4 0-5, Horry 1-3 2-2 4, D. Brown 0-1 0-0 0-0, Totals 21-72 22-38 88.

Knicks 93, Rockets 80
NEW YORK — K. Thomas 11-20 1-23, T. Thomas 2-5 0-2, McGrady 4-11 4-12 15, Marbury 6-16 6-18, Crawford 7-18 0-0 15, Ariza 2-4 2-8, Hardaway 3-7 1-5, Norris 0-0 0-0 0, Sweetney 1-3 0-0 2, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 58-87 18-39 93.

HOUSTON — Jackson 6-11 1-12 18, Taylor 3-10 0-0 2, Yao 2-8 2-5 2, Ward 1-2 0-0 0, McGrady 10-19 3-24, Autbeloe 2-5 0-4 0-0, E. Ewing 2-5 0-0 0, Howard 3-7 0-2 0, Scharber 1-2 0-1, Bowen 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 45-82 18-39 80.

Three-point Goals — New York 7-23 (Crawford 3-11, Hardaway 2-5, Thomas 0-0), Houston 2-14 (McGrady 1-4, Taylor 1-10, Ward 0-2), Foulout over time, rebound — New York 20 (Marbury 10, Thomas 10, McGrady 4, Taylor 3, fous) — New York 17, Houston 17.

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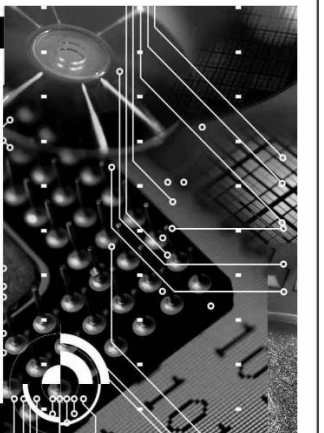
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Baseball owners delay vote on Expos' move to D.C.

Commissioner Selig blames 'housekeeping' issues; says team still will relocate

By NANCY ARMOUR

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Baseball wasn't exactly quick to find the Montreal Expos a new home, and that's not about to change now.

Expected to rubber-stamp the Expos' proposed move to Washington, Major League Baseball owners instead made the surprise decision Thursday to table the vote. Commissioner Bud Selig blamed internal "housekeeping" issues, and said the move will still take place, with a vote by owners coming before Dec. 6.

"We will get this done," Selig said. "We just weren't quite ready with a lot of details. We like to have all the details in place before we vote. Nothing more than that."

Good thing, because the Expos' movers are already unpacking in Washington. Season tickets went on sale Thursday morning, and the team announced that manager Frank Robinson agreed to a one-year contract extension through next season.

Baseball officials also said they plan to announce by Friday when the franchise will be renamed.

"We didn't consider any contingencies, we didn't consider any other options," said Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer.



MLB Commissioner Bud Selig said the owners will vote on the proposed move of the Montreal Expos to Washington by Dec. 6.

"We fully expect to play in RFK (Stadium) next year, and we're planning on it."

The Expos' agreement with Washington calls for funding for the new stadium to be in place by Dec. 31. The District of Columbia government has delayed approval of funding for a new stadium, but Selig and DuPuy said that wasn't the reason for the delay Thursday.

"The mayor believes he has the votes to pass, and we expect that to happen," DuPuy said.

Plans are to build the ballpark along the Anacostia River, about a dozen blocks south of the U.S. Capitol, and begin play there in 2008. The agreement estimates the cost of refurbishing RFK Stadium, land acquisition and ballpark construction at \$43.5 million. The money would come from a new tax on the city's largest businesses, a tax on baseball-related income, and lease payments by the team's new owners.

But some D.C. council members have claimed costs would be far higher, perhaps \$600 million or more. District of Columbia Council Chair Linda Cropp postponed a Nov. 9 vote on the deal, saying the District should spend two weeks seeking private financing.

The council now has a vote scheduled for Nov. 30. The council must vote on the package a second time, as well, and that vote could come Dec. 14.

"Baseball is watching what is taking place here in the District, and if I were them, I wouldn't vote either," said Councilman Jack Evans, chair of the council's Finance and Revenue Committee.

"I've said all along that if the district fails to act, baseball will go elsewhere," Evans added. Their action, by delaying their vote, only reinforces the fact that if we fail to act, baseball will go somewhere else."

That's not likely — not with so much already invested in moving the team to Washington. When asked if he could see anything that would keep the team from playing in Washington next year, Selig replied, "(I) do not."

Selig declined to describe exactly what did delay the vote, but one could be baseball's negotiations with Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos.

Angelos had previously objected to having a team move just 40 miles from Camden Yards stadium, but gave his blessing in September after reaching an understanding with baseball that protects him financially.

A baseball official speaking on condition of anonymity, has said previously that an appraiser would value the Orioles franchise and the commissioner's office would guarantee its value for a period of time. The commissioner's office also would guarantee Baltimore's locally generated revenue for a period of time and assist in the creation of a regional sports

network.

"That wasn't the real reason, but certainly I would hope that everything is completed before we vote so we can move on," Selig said of negotiations with Angelos. "There's a lot of work to do."

Baseball owners did not vote on the \$223 million sale of the Milwaukee Brewers from Selig's family to Mark Attanasio because the commissioner's office has not finished processing the transaction.

But Attanasio met with the ownership committee as well as members of the executive council, and Selig said he expected a vote soon, probably by conference call.

"They are proceeding expeditiously," Selig said.

"Hopefully we'll be able to bring it to conclusion in the very near future."

Selig didn't give a timetable on when owners might vote on the proposed appointment of Jeff Moorad as chief executive officer of the Arizona Diamondbacks. Moorad, a coach-probation agent, was picked by the team's controlling investors in August to replace founding CEO Jerry Colangelo, but cannot take over until baseball owners approve.

Woods' fortunes rising in Dunlop Phoenix event

The Associated Press

MITYAZAKI, Japan — Tiger Woods, a three-stroke lead halfway through the Dunlop Phoenix, hoping to end a drought that has left him without a title since February.

Woods shot a 3-under 67 Friday that gave him a score of 8-under 132 after two rounds in the \$1.89 million event, the richest on the Japanese tour. Kaname Yokoo of Japan shot a 67 for 135.

Christian Pena of the United States had the day's best round at 63 and was at 136.

"Things are starting to come together," Woods said. "For the past three or four months I've been a little more at ease making shots, and consequently the scores are getting better." Woods, winner of eight major titles, lost his No. 1 ranking to Vijay Singh two months ago. His lone victory this year was in the Match Play Championship in late February.

The last time he won a stroke-play tournament was October 2003. Woods finished eighth in this event two years ago and is seeking his first victory in Japan.

Woods also renewed his criticism of the PGA of America for its decision to pass over friend Mark O'Meara as captain of the 2006 Ryder Cup team. Tom Lehman was chosen a few weeks ago.

"He is a good choice," Woods said. "He would have been a good choice for America four years from now. Timing wise, I

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just thought this was Mark's only chance."

The next Ryder Cup matches are in Ireland, and Woods thought O'Meara should have been selected because of his Irish heritage.

Lehman was not concerned about Woods' comments.

"I don't want to cause any problems; this is not an issue," Lehman said after an opening-round 68 Thursday in the Callaway Golf Pebble Beach Invitational.

"Tiger and I get along just fine," said Lehman. "He's upset with the PGA of America that his buddy is not the captain. And when I see him I will say 'I understand.' I don't take it personally."

Defending champion Thomas Bjorn of Denmark shot a 69 and was at 4-under 144. British open champion Todd Hamilton had a 76 and just made the cut.

England's Casey, Donald five strokes ahead in World Cup

SEVILLE, Spain — Englishmen Paul Casey and Luke Donald surged to a five-stroke lead in the second round of the team World Cup on Friday after shooting an 8-under-par 64.

The pair has a total of 19-under 125. Austrians Martin Wiegele and Markus Brier carried a 70, with a half dozen teams six strokes behind the leaders: South Africa (65), Sweden (67), Spain



Tiger Woods, who has not won a stroke-play tournament in over a year, shot a 3-under 67 Friday to maintain a three-stroke lead in the Dunlop Phoenix tournament in Miyazaki, southern Japan.

(68), Japan (69), Ireland (71) and the United States (67).

Scott Verplank and Bob Tway are competing for the Americans.

Sorenstam on top of her game and in the lead in ADT

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Annika Sorenstam birdied four of the last five holes Thursday, twice with a 7-iron into greens surrounded by trouble, giving her a 6-under 66 and a one-shot lead after the first round of the season-ending ADT Championship.

Cristie Kerr had a 67, and Karrie Webb was among those at 68.

Three share lead in Pebble Beach Invitational

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Two-time PGA Tour winner Olin Browne, Kelli Kuehne of the LPGA and two-time collegiate champion JJ Jakovac shot 6-under 66 Thursday to share the lead after the first round of the Pebble Beach Invitational.

No NHL Draft until new labor agreement reached

The Associated Press

TORONTO — There won't be an NHL entry draft before a collective bargaining agreement is reached with the players' association, the director of the league's scouting department said.

The lockout has already wiped out over 240 games, plus the All-Star weekend, and it appears the NHL won't be any NHL hockey before January — if at all this season. The sides haven't met since Sept. 9 and no negotiations have been scheduled.

If the season goes by the boards, next June's draft — scheduled to be held in Ottawa — would be the next major event to be lost. The draft can't be legally conducted without a collective bargaining agreement.

Ohio fires football coach after four seasons

ATHENS, Ohio — Ohio coach Brian Knorr was fired Thursday after leading the Bobcats to an 11-35 record in four seasons.

Ohio had a 4-7 mark this season. The Bobcats opened the season 3-2, including a victory at Kentucky, but then dropped five of their last six games. Ohio went 2-10 in 2003.

Activist charged with blackmailing Sheffield in jail

CHICAGO — A federal judge refused to dismiss charges Thursday against a self-styled government activist accused of attempting to blackmail New York Yan-

kees slugger Gary Sheffield and his wife in a purported sex videotape.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Morton Denlow brushed aside Derrick Mosley's claim that he just wanted to provide moral counseling to Sheffield's wife, gospel singer DeLeon Richards.

"There is probable cause to believe that this whole issue of counseling and that you were intending to counsel that person was a fraud," the judge said.

During the hearing, federal prosecutors played a secretly made tape of Mosley, 38, telling Richards having sex with a professional musician. Williams, said Mosley told him that the videotape was sent to him anonymously and that it showed Richards having sex with a professional musician.

Williams contacted the FBI after Mosley first contacted him on Nov. 3. He later secretly taped a phone conversation with Mosley in which he expressed hope that the tape would be destroyed and offered to pay Mosley \$1,000 for his efforts. Mosley is heard on tape saying: "I think we just gotta go a little higher."

For the first time, prosecutors said they want the government doesn't know whether the videotape actually exists.



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Virginia Tech quarterback Bryan Randall (3) shed the attempted tackle of Maryland's Dominique Foxworth (6) during the Hokies' 55-6 victory Thursday in Blacksburg, Va. Virginia Tech will win the ACC title with victories over Virginia and Miami in its final two regular-season games.

Va. Tech rolls on the day Beamer's mother dies

By HANK KURZ JR.
The Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Frank Beamer's mother would have been proud.

On the day she died, Beamer and Virginia Tech moved one step closer to a Bowl Championship Series berth Thursday night by routing Maryland 55-6.

"I had my mind in the game. That's what my mom taught me," Beamer said, dispelling the idea that his sadness and loss hampered his focus.

Besides, he added, she'd sent word that he was to coach.

"We weren't sure she was going to make it through the night before the North Carolina game, and I went by to see her in the hospital," Beamer said, recalling the No. 15 Hokies' game in Chapel Hill, N.C., on Nov. 6.

"Then when I left, she told my brother and sisters that if anything happened to her, to make sure to tell me to coach in that North Carolina game and to win the ballgame. That kind of tells you about my mom."

Herna Beamer, 86, had suffered from heart problems and died in her sleep overnight at her home in Fancy Gap.

"Really, it's a blessing that she died peacefully," Beamer said.



Virginia Tech linebacker Arron Rouse (36) stops Maryland tailback Mario Merrills (8). The Terrapins (4-6) committed five turnovers, rushed for just 56 yards and will not play in a bowl game for the first time in three years.

The coach's loss was felt by the whole team, quarterback Bryan Randall said, and motivated them to win for Beamer and his mom, and to stay in control of their drive to win the ACC by winning their last three games.

"It was special for him to be out here coaching us in a time like this," Randall said after running for one touchdown and throwing for two. "We just wanted to make it special for him and get him a win."

They wasted no time, turning two turnovers into short touchdown drives in the first four minutes, leading 41-3 at halftime and not letting up.

"I appreciate their efforts," Beamer said. "They presented me and my mom with a game ball back there. I feel good about what they did tonight."

The victory was the sixth in a row for Virginia Tech (8-2, 5-1), which can win the ACC by beating No. 18 Virginia next weekend and No. 12 Miami, its rival from the Big East, in the Orange Bowl on Dec. 4.

After a season full of games that went down to the final quarter, the Hokies used a vintage display of playmaking defense and opportunistic offense to make this one easy. They gained just 376 yards, but outstrutted the Terps 239-56 and held them to 197 yards overall.

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